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Bethel votes to sew up GAMM II property

Town will buy back industrial park property for \$146,500, then attempt to find new business tenant.

By MICHAEL DANIELS

Bethel officials are scheduled to close today, Tuesday, on the former GAMM II property in the Airport Industrial Park.

At a hastily called special town meeting last Thursday, voters narrowly (68-63) gave their approval to the deal, which calls for the town to buy back 4.5 acres of land it sold to GAMM II's parent corporation in 1987, as well as a 21,000-square-foot industrial building that was later constructed on the site.

The land—two lots from the six-lot industrial park—was sold by the town for \$26,000, but the town retained an option to repurchase the land if it were ever put back on the market.

The town will now spend \$146,500 to buy back the land, and to acquire the three-year-old industrial building.

The value of the land and building has been assessed at \$490,800, but the property has been on the market since 1990 at an asking price of \$250,000.

Last week's special town meeting,

held on the day after Christmas, drew an overflow crowd into the town office meeting room.

Most of the voters who spoke up during the 40 minutes or so of discussion were opposed to the idea of the town buying the property, but when it came time to vote, supporters narrowly prevailed.

The purchase had been formally recommended to the town by the Board of Selectmen, but the idea had been overwhelmingly (7-1) opposed by the town's Budget Committee.

Supporters argued that it was too good a deal to pass up. The low purchase price, they argued, combined with the town's access to state and federal grant money, would put Bethel in a position to turn around and rent the building out at a very favorable rate to a growing company—and provide badly needed local jobs.

At least one local businessman had already expressed strong interest in the property. Eric Paul, owner of Groan & McGurn in West Bethel, told the meeting that he would like to rent the property and use the building to expand his screen printing business.

"I'm real, I'm young, I have a customer base, and I have a need," Paul said.

Ken Boar concurred. "I feel it's an opportunity that will only come once and we shouldn't miss it, since we can

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AN OVERFLOW CROWD—showed up at the Bethel Town Office on the day after Christmas to debate the town's purchase of the GAMM II property. (Photo by Wendy Hanscom)

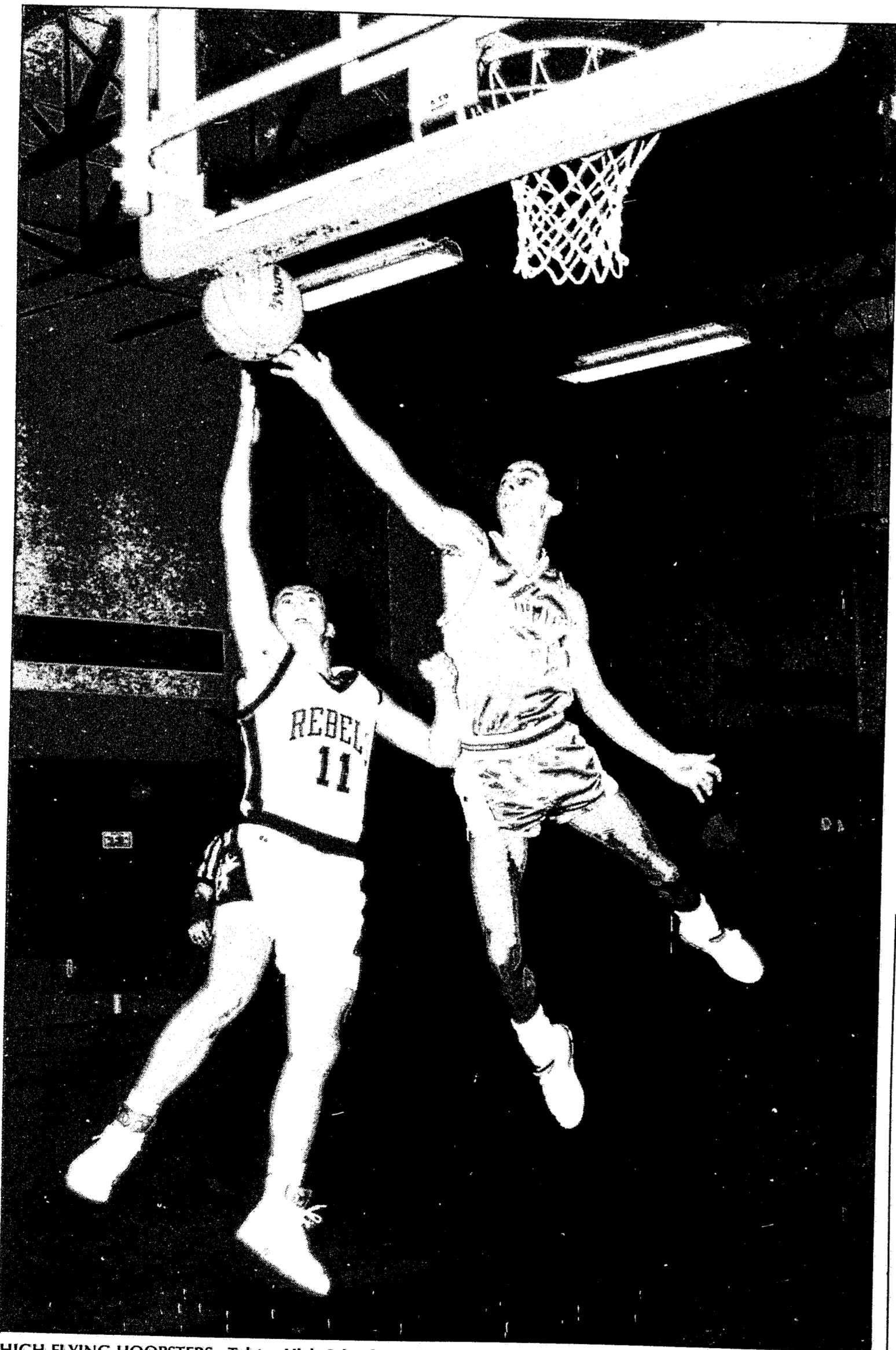
1991's top ten local stories

As events pile up over the course of the year, the newspaper reports them week after week, often without being able to say to its readers which stories are of lasting significance and which are simply momentary occurrences.

So, in our year-end wrap-up, The Citizen's editorial staff has attempted to rank the year's stories from 1

to 10 in terms of their likelihood of having lasting impact on our lives and our towns.

This is an arbitrary exercise, of course, and readers will no doubt have their own ideas of what's important and what's not. But here's our look at the year gone by—



HIGH FLYING HOOPSTERS—Telstar High School guard Victor Hart goes up for two fast-break points during the Telstar Christmas Basketball Tournament. The boys lost Friday's opening round game against Gorham High School and also lost the consolation game to North Yarmouth on Saturday. The Telstar girls beat Gorham on Friday, but lost Saturday's tourney championship to Buckfield 45-41. In the title game, forward Dani Bernier scored a career game high of 20 points. Bernier and guard Jen Bailey were also named to the tourney all-star team. (Photo by Wendy Hanscom)

#1 Economic woes continue

Deteriorating economic conditions once again dominated the news in 1991, but by the end of the year there were some faint signs that the worst of the recession had past.

The most painful effect of the recession was local joblessness, which continued to climb in 1991. The previous year had ended in a brief uptick in employment, but by April of this year that gain had been wiped out, and by mid-year local and statewide unemployment was at an eight year high.

And recently released national figures showed Maine leading the country in its rate of job loss.

Unemployment in Oxford County for the first 10 months of 1991 averaged 10.3 percent, compared with 7.2 percent for the same period in 1990.

And many workers who still had jobs were working reduced hours, while others who had thought their education and training would protect their jobs found themselves standing in unemployment lines.

"We're seeing a lot of people who have never been employed before," an analyst for the Maine Department of Labor said at year end.

Others, whose unemployment had run out, found themselves in local town offices applying for general assistance. Still others found themselves in trouble with the law, as

the crime rate went up along with the unemployment rate.

Shrinking state revenues due to the recession led to prolonged budget battles between the governor and Legislature in Augusta, and when the smoke and rhetoric had cleared local officials found themselves faced with deep cuts in state aid to towns and schools.

The most recent budget to come out of Augusta reduces state revenue sharing and aid to education by \$28.2 million for FY 1992, and there are numerous other cutbacks that will inevitably hurt local towns.

In the view of the Maine Municipal Association, and many other observers, these cuts are not a genuine reduction in state spending, but instead represent an unfair shifting of money intended for reducing the local tax burden.

"In effect," the MMA argues, "the Legislature decided to fund state government programs by raising local property taxes."

Few local officials would take issue with that analysis.

Local property taxes did go up in 1991, and will no doubt go up again in 1992, despite the best efforts of town officials to keep municipal spending to a bare minimum.

Even SAD #44 cut its budget in 1991, but local school taxes still went up—in order to make up for the cutbacks

in state aid.

By the end of the year the state was cutting back still further, and the school district was scrambling to follow suit.

Even the private sector was not spared the effects of the state's budget problems. Local merchants had to learn to deal with new taxes in 1991, taxes intended to boost the state's lagging revenues.

And as close as the Bethel area is to the New Hampshire border, the new taxes posed an additional burden on local businesses, who worried that their customers would border hop in search of lower prices.

But in one key respect the Bethel area was in a far better position to ride out the recession than was most of the rest of rural Maine—thanks to the success of the area's largest employer, Sunday River Ski Resort.

Last winter the ski industry was clobbered by the triple whammy of terrible weather, the recession and war in the Persian Gulf. But Sunday River still posted an increase in skier visits—it was one of only two large Eastern ski areas to report an increase.

This season the war—if not the recession—is over, the weather through the key Christmas vacation week has been close to ideal, and Sunday River is again attracting record numbers of skiers.

The economic spinoff from the skiers is felt throughout the local area. Dick Raso, owner of the Bethel Inn, predicts that we could be in for "a turnaround kind of winter."

And the impact of the ski industry on the area is likely to continue to grow. Earlier in the year Sunday River filed applications with the state for an expansion that would eventually double the size of its lift and trail system.

There were other sign of life on the local business scene, if not on the scale of the mid to late 1980s. The Norseman

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Flashy transformer KOs electricity for thousands

About 7,000 local Central Maine Power customers were without power for more than two hours late Sunday night.

CMP spokesman Sara Hammond said a malfunctioning transformer in Locke Mills caused the outage. The lights went out around 9:15 in Bethel, Locke Mills, Newry, Gilead, Bryant Pond, Woodstock, Greenwood, West Paris and Mason Township. The lights came back on for most people shortly after 11:30.

But approximately 850 CMP customers in Locke Mills were still without power until 7:30 a.m. Monday, Hammond said. And around 6 a.m. Monday, Bethel residents experienced another hour-long outage, while more repair work was done, she said.

Sunday evening as the lights went

out, Locke Mills resident Jayne Ley was on her way home when she saw a peculiar light.

"I saw a flash of light by the railroad tracks near Howe Hill," she said. "It looked like the whole sky lit up in an arcing white flash. Then the railroad crossing lights lit up and then all the lights went out."

Deb Wheeler of Bethel saw a similar flash. "I was out back of my house on Paradise and saw a flash," she said. "I thought it was down by Mechanic Street. The whole sky lit up and the power flickered. It seemed to stay lit for a long time. Then I saw another big flash and the lights went out for good."

Hammond said that CMP repairmen don't know yet what caused the Locke Mills transformer to malfunction.

PUBLIC NOTICE

There will be a rabies clinic at the Bethel Fire Station Saturday, January 11, 1992, 10:00 to noon. \$5 per each rabies vaccine. If you wish to license your dog and are a Bethel resident the fee is \$7.50 for each male or female dog and \$4 for each spayed or neutered dog.

Letters to the editor

AN ANTI-BUSINESS MOVE

To the Editor:

If the anti-business reputation Bethel has acquired is indeed true, which Mr. Jodrey hoped was not the case at the Dec. 19 special town meeting concerning the purchase of the GAMM II property, perhaps there is no better illustration of it than Mr. Putnam's unfortunate letter in the Citizen of Dec. 24.

A simple telephone call would have corrected his misconceptions, answered his questions, and he would not have to be reminded of failing to follow his own admonition of being well informed. The facts are straightforward:

1. Early Real Estate was asked by the Plymouth Trust Corporation, through its corporate headquarters in Boston, to find a buyer for the GAMM II property before year's end. The property had been for sale through other agencies for nearly two years and no offers had come forth. Mr. Greg Monier, president of GAMM, had pleaded with the town for months to assist him in selling the property.

2. We at first balked at the idea. The time was too short, the economy in too much trouble. But several more calls from Plymouth, and from one of its attorneys in Portsmouth, changed our minds. We were able to negotiate a very fair price and extremely good terms. That price and those terms would probably have been extended to the town more than a year ago had the town bothered to ask. It didn't. That the town had to first wait for an offer before it, too, could make an offer, as the town manager has stated, is erroneous. Mr. Monier would have welcomed an offer from any party.

3. By late November we had received many calls from Plymouth, principally from Mr. Jordan Golding, a trustee. He again repeated his request that a sale be made soon. He was worried that Plymouth Trust would not receive a substantial tax benefit if the property did not close prior to the end of the year. We had no buyer at this point though a steady stream of letters and telephone calls had gone out, and several personal meetings and showings had taken place.

4. Mr. Golding then called again on Nov. 25 to ask if Early Real Estate would buy the property. My reply to him was that it was against our policy to buy for our own account as it presented too great a conflict of interest. Several conference calls then took place between Boston, Mr. Monier's office in New Hampshire, and our Locke Mills office. Further negotiation made the offer even more attractive. I then informed the group toward the end of that day that I personally would purchase the property but only to resell it as soon thereafter as possible. My profit would be our originally agreed-upon commission and nothing more. We all came to an agreement and the paperwork started flowing from four different lawyers in three separate states and one foreign country.

5. Several days after that we found a qualified buyer, one with capital, experience, and who would provide 30 to 35 jobs for Bethel once he was in production. The buyer we found did not need the GAMM II property for several months. But because of the very favorable price and terms we had negotiated we were able to convince him to act now rather than later. At his request, we were asked to present his name and not give information about his product as a patent was involved for which a "pending" status was, and still is, in process.

6. However, it was then too late to start all over again redoing the horrendous amount of paperwork lawyers are so fond of creating but which, nonetheless, is necessary particularly in a matter that is as complicated as this one is turning out to be. Other year-end priorities of the several law firms involved, including one representing the Bank of Ireland which owns the Bank of New Hampshire, and the Christmas holiday season, only made matters worse.

7. A full disclosure was made to the Town at the meeting of Dec. 19 concerning my involvement. I was instructed by my buyer and his attorney not to disclose his name at that time. I did agree, however, to arrange for a private meeting between the buyer, our office, and the town manager. That meeting took place in the town

manager's office on Monday evening, Dec. 23.

8. Following our private meeting, Mrs. Early and I attended the combined budget and selectmen meeting that same evening. We listened, spoke when asked to, and tried to present as much information as we were able to. At one point I was appealed to by the town manager saying that if the town were to buy the property it could always back out because of the terms which I had obtained. One budget committee member said she did not like to enter into an agreement with that sort of thing in mind; Mr. Jodrey said he would have no part of it. I applaud Mr. Jodrey for his integrity.

9. Early Real Estate has been in business for a very long time. I personally resent the insinuation that lies between the lines of Mr. Putnam's letter that any of this is somehow not as it should be. If there is an anti-business feeling in Bethel, perhaps it would be good to look closely at Mr. Putnam's desire to see a local businessman in essence get something for nothing by having the town buy the property for him. In fact, much of that person's business runs contrary to the town's covenants governing the use of the GAMM II property. In fairness to that individual, however, he was approached twice about the property. Rather than respond he went directly to the town and to the Bethel Savings Bank to see if he could get the property on his own for even less or, perhaps, for nothing.

It seems we are mentally locked into a welfare state of mind, one where we can see no farther than borrowing from this or getting a grant from that. Many, it would also seem to appear, think that there is still a free lunch out there, that no matter where the money comes from it is somehow found money. That is your pie in the sky, Mr. Putnam.

America was built by people with vision, people who took chances, and who kept their ideas to themselves until the protection of adequate law was available. My client has asked for less. He is not asking for a handout. He is also prepared to take his business to New Hampshire if this silly bickering continues.

The above was written Christmas Day. The following day the town voted to buy the GAMM II property. By doing so, here is what the town lost: 30 to 35 jobs; the revenue to the community those jobs would have brought; taxes to the town that together with insurance and interest costs will total over \$20,000 for the first year alone; and respect as a place in which new business might come.

Is Bethel anti-business? The vote is in.

Donald Taylor
Early Real Estate
Bethel

A NEW YEAR FOR RECYCLING

To the Editor:

The Newry Solid Waste Committee wishes to say "thank you" to all who faithfully recycled during 1991. We urge all recyclers to increase their efforts in 1992 and get their friends and neighbors who may not be recycling to join in.

Newry has two recycling locations: one at the town office and the other at Sunday River. Please note that the Sunday River recycling center was relocated recently to Parking Lot #8 to provide a more traffic-free location. It is on the Summit Hotel Road opposite Jack Frost.

If you are not now recycling please make a New Year's resolution to get into the recycling habit in 1992. We wish you all a Happy New Year.

Sigmund Sysko
Chairman
Newry Solid Waste Committee

BUSINESS PEOPLE ARE GOOD FOR ALL THE COMMUNITY

To the Editor:

I would like the following article reprinted as I think that business people need to embark on a public relations campaign. This was written by the executive director of the Greater Bangor Chamber of Commerce, Elizabeth "Scottie" Stowell Bell, a Bethel area native:

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VOTER LINE-UP—Frank Lowell deposits his vote at Bethel's special town meeting last week. At the meeting, voters narrowly approved purchasing the GAMM II building at the Airport Industrial Park. Selectmen called an emergency meeting after the vote and authorized Town Manager Madeleine Henley to complete loan and grant applications to help finance the purchase. The selectmen said they will begin planning the management of the building next week. (Photo by Wendy Hanscom)

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and Rostay inns in Mayville added rooms, and David Carter opened a new nordic ski area in East Bethel.

And the lumber and woods products industries, which provide the ballast for the local economy, also appear to be in the first stages of at least a fragile rebound from the worst effects of the recession. Most of the mills in the Bethel area were able to increase their employment over the past year, or to at least call back previously laid-off workers.

One local real estate agent reports that demand is strong for second homes and land in the vicinity of Sunday River—but that properties are moving at prices 20 percent lower than in 1988-89.

Another reported that local families were once again entering the home market.

#2 War breaks out

1991 began with a peace vigil in the Bethel confection, but in January, another generation of young Americans went off to war. It was not a long war, nor one with many U.S. casualties, but it focused America's attention for months on the Middle East and the turbulent politics there.

The leader of Iraq, Saddam Hussein, and his troops invaded and occupied the small Middle Eastern country of Kuwait in the summer of 1990. The people of Kuwait were not prepared to fight back, but the U.S. was.

The U.S. response came in many forms. America spent months building up troop strength in the Middle East, and reservists were called up from all over the country.

Local sons and daughters also responded to the call. They left the wooded mountains of Maine and set up camp in the hot, arid sands of Saudi Arabia.

The Army Reserves 619th Transportation Company of Auburn left in early November, some greater-Bethel area residents went with it. Area families of other Army, Navy, Marine and Air Force servicemen and women also saw their loved ones shipped out. But war was not to come quickly.

While the U.S. took months to prepare to drive Saddam out of Kuwait, servicemen, women and their families waited and most prayed the conflict could somehow be avoided.

During the months before the war, the troops kept busy with the daily tasks of life in a desert. They played volleyball in the sand, read letters from home and waited.

There was no shortage of support for the troops. Yellow ribbons became part of the scenery. Flag companies reported record sales, as the red, white and blue banners unfurled across the country.

The Mundt-Allen Post in Bethel lined Main Street with yellow ribbons and flags.

Parades were held to honor the troops and letter-writing campaigns sent thousands of pieces of mail to those far from home.

In West Paris, 150 people marched from the Trap Corner Store to Penley's Mill in support of the troops. At the Crescent Park School in Bethel, a class of fifth-graders sent Army Cpl. Jeffery Smith, formerly of East Bethel, valentines and then started regular correspondence with him. In June, after the war was over, Smith visited the classroom and told the youngsters of his experiences in the Gulf.

War was finally served up Jan. 16 on the evening news. One minute arm-chomping were updating the country on the day's events, the next, live reports from Saudi told of bombs falling in Baghdad.

The "fair war" was on. Americans spent hours trapped in front of the television, mesmerized by

the goings on in the Gulf. Viewers saw roof-top reporters duck missiles and head for cover under threats of gas attacks. From Baghdad there were horrifying pictures of the sky lit up with falling bombs and anti-aircraft fire returned by the Iraqis.

"I sit here 24 hours a day watching that TV," said Lorraine York of Bethel, whose son 19-year-old Maridun, Shams, was stationed in Saudi Arabia. "I'm literally making myself sick over it."

Along with the live reports came a new vocabulary—Scuds, Wathogs, Patriots, Tomahawks, sorties, Schwarzkopf, Damman, Khafji, Riyadh, Dhahran. People bought maps of the Middle East and learned the lay-out of the war.

Polished senior officers and defense department spokesmen kept the nation updated on the air attack, while the ground debated the necessity of a country attack.

But the ground war did come, on Feb. 24—and was over in three days. Thankfully, American technology and forces quickly overwhelmed our Third World opponents, and American casualties were light.

Then it was time to clean up. The 619th trucked into Kuwait City after the war. Along the way they witnessed much of the pounding the country had taken and the oil fires left behind by fleeing Iraqis. "We stood on our trucks and could count 50 of them," said Bethel reservist Andy Smith, "then the smoke would clear a little and you could see even more of them."

The final Kuwaiti fires have been extinguished now, but the flames of patriotism continue to burn. On Dec. 7, local Legion posts marked the 50th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor with a memorial and prayer service.

The veterans and others who gathered in Locke Mills to remember attack on Pearl Harbor did not extol the glories of war—they prayed for peace, peace for all mankind.

#3 NTL announces pullout

While the long-term prospects for winter tourism in the area remain bright, thanks to the success of Sunday River, the summer tourism outlook suffered a severe blow in June, when National Training Laboratories announced that it would phase out its operations in Bethel.

The decision was made by the organization's board of directors, who pointed to increasing complaints from staff and participants about the facilities available here and about the difficulty of getting to and from Bethel.

In explaining the decision, NTL Executive Director Lennox Joseph said the nature of NTL's clientele had changed over the years, and the new breed of participant preferred "the kind of place you see on slick brochures."

NTL has been offering training courses in Bethel for more than 40 years, and last year nearly 1,000 participants attended sessions here.

The announcement that NTL would be severing its Bethel tie came as a shock to many in-town merchants, some of whom rely on NTL for up to 40 percent of their annual business.

Other residents regretted the loss of the cultural diversity that NTL's worldwide clientele brought to the town.

The board's sudden decision was also greeted with surprise and anger by a sizable segment of NTL's membership body. Many members feel a strong attachment to the Bethel area—and they were quick to make these feelings known to the board.

Under pressure from the decision, the board reconsidered the membership later in the summer, and eventually backed off substantially from its original position.

It was decided that NTL would indeed offer courses in Bethel next summer, if not as many as in the past.

What will happen after next summer is less clear, but Gwyneth Bohr, a

Bethel resident and NTL-member who has followed developments closely, said it appears likely that NTL will maintain some connection with the town, perhaps using Bethel as one of five proposed regional centers.

Bohr also said the organization will continue to offer its popular human interaction laboratories in Bethel.

When the original decision to pull out of Bethel was announced, a group of two dozen or so local residents quickly established a "task force" to attempt to address the problems that led to the decision, and to plan for the town's future, if necessary, without NTL.

The task force also organized a "Community Conference" for November, at which more than 150 area residents turned up to brainstorm ways to improve the future quality of life in the Bethel area.

A number of follow-up groups from that conference are now meeting regularly, and working to turn some of the ideas generated at the conference into reality.

The original task force also continues to meet, and is currently exploring ways to make greater use of NTL's property in Bethel.

#4 But Newry stays

For a number of years many Newry residents have felt that SAD #44 was a bad deal for the town, but in April a lengthy effort to convince other townfolks to withdraw from the school district fell short.

At a town special vote on the issue, a narrow majority of the residents did in fact vote to pull out of the district, but state law requires a two-thirds majority before a town can go its own way—so Newry will stay in SAD #44 for at least a few more years.

The unsuccessful withdrawal process took nearly a year. It formally began with an informational meeting in May 1990 and ended with the April 1991 vote.

It was drawn out and complicated process, involving a number of hearings, plans, and state approvals before the ultimate vote to stay or go.

Few Newry residents seemed neutral on the issue, although most said they would listen carefully to both sides.

On one side were residents who were clearly dissatisfied with the quality of education in SAD #44, with the town's small percentage of voting power on the school board and with the disproportionate amount of money the town pays into the district.

Newry students make up about 5 percent of the SAD #44 enrollment, but the town pays nearly one quarter of the district's school taxes. Some people thought that wasn't fair.

Newry has made previous attempts to change the funding formula and to acquire more voting power on the school board, but the efforts were unsuccessful.

But on the other side were people who felt that the alternatives to a SAD #44 education were even less acceptable.

The Newry plan called for the construction of an elementary school to house a small number of students—an expensive educational gamble, some said (but withdrawal supporters were thrilled with idea of local control over small classrooms).

Had the withdrawal passed, Newry high school students would have attended either Rumford or Telstar high schools or Gould Academy. But Rumford was too far to travel, some said, and there was no guarantee that Telstar or Gould would accept all Newry students who applied for admission.

Withdrawal supporters countered that Rumford offered many more programs than Telstar, and the prospect of receiving a partially town-funded private education was too good to pass up. Besides, they reasoned, SAD #44 wouldn't be able to turn down tuition paying Newry students once the town had taken with it 25 percent of the

THIS WEEK AT THE

Moses Mason House

The monthly meeting of the Bethel Historical Society will be held on Thursday, Jan. 2, in the meeting room of the Dr. Moses Mason House beginning at 7:30 p.m. Featured during the program portion of the meeting will be the annual "So You Think You Know Bethel" contest. Anyone interested in attending this meeting is cordially invited to do so.

Among the latest contributions to the 1991 Bethel Historical Society Endowment Campaign are ones from the following: Shirley and Marilyn Gilbert, Bethel, in memory of Carroll and Mary Abbott; Colwyn and Judith Haskell, Bethel; James H. Locke, Topeka, Kansas, in honor of Ernest and Gwendolyn Holt; Roxanne Twichell Sly, Brooklyn; Marilyn R. Mollicone, Augusta, in memory of Agnes Haines (1915-1991). Much appreciation is expressed to all of the above for their generosity. There have now been over 300 contributors to this year's campaign.

Praise for the Society's latest publication, "Bethel, Maine: An Illustrated History" continues to arrive from a number of sources. From Bethel native Maynard Austin, now of Bennington, Vermont, in a letter to Society Board of Trustees Chairman Margaret Joy Tibbets: "I am so impressed with the 'Illustrated History of Bethel' and so pleased to have a copy."

I am reading and studying it. Some scenes look so familiar yet I can't always put it together but will certainly keep reading and try to refresh my memory. All of you, including Mr. Bennett and Stan Howe, are to be congratulated for the concept and for all the work that has gone into producing it. Will later be sending it to my brother Charles in Orlando, Florida, but have already warned him I want it back once he has had time to read and study it." From Olive Head of West Bethel: "I think the new book is superb."

LOOKING BACK

10 years ago:

Sue Farrar was one of 22 winners in a contest sponsored by the League of Women Voters. Over 1500 persons from 22 states and 10 foreign countries visited the Dr. Moses Mason House Museum in 1981.

Birth:

Kristen Pitcher
Marriage: Myrna Carter and Bernard White, Jr.

Deaths:

Emily Clement, Laura Pinkham, Noella Barlow

20 years ago:

A car overturned in the driveway of Andrew and Colleen Boyd in West Bethel. An article for a sidewalk on Philbrook Street was proposed for the town meeting warrant. Skating was added to the physical education program at Crescent Park School and Ethel Bisbee School.

Births: Victoria Eastman, Robin Hutchins, Rachael Vashaw
Marriages: Christine Coolman and Howard Frazier

Deaths: Harry Rowe, Ralph Kimball, Virginia Hart, Viola Morrill, Faye Taylor

30 years ago:

Rev. Clifford R. Patnode appointed pastor of the Church of the Nazarene in Bethel. Lawrence Kendall was appointed night police officer succeeding Joseph Perry. The Good Citizenship Award at Gould Academy was presented to Claudia DeMonte, daughter of Edna Curtis. Ronald and Marguerite Kendall and family moved into their new home on Paradise Street. Midshipman Jeffrey Hutchins, a student at the Maine Maritime Academy, departed on a 12,000 mile training cruise to the Caribbean Sea and South America. Timothy Carter was named co-captain of the University of Maine's varsity cross country team.

Birth: E. Richard Angvine, Jr.
Marriage: Grace Haines and Kenneth Newell

Deaths: Edgar Rainey, Charles A. Merrill, Lewis Mann, Lena Heath, Durward Mason

40 years ago:

Carl Larson suffered severe wounds on his left leg and arm when a board saw started while he was filing. David Thompson, Marjorie Freeman (Menzies) and Rebecca Philbrick (Kendall) were selected as directors of the Bethel Players. Wilbur R. Myers was elected president of the Bethel Chamber of Commerce. Many cases of measles were reported in the Bethel schools.

Marriage: Pauline Enman and James Browne

Deaths: Walter Wyman, Walter Ordway, John Korhonen

50 years ago:

Several carloads of equipment for the North Waterford pumping station (Portland Pipeline Company) were unloaded at the Bethel railroad station. Dr. E.L. Brown, Chairman, Philip Burns and Myron Bryant headed Bethel's Disaster Committee. They in turn appointed sub-committees such as survey committee, rescue committee, medical aid committee, food committee, shelter committee, clothing committee, transportation committee, etc.

Birth: Robert Daniels
Marriages: Ethelyn Jordan and Eino Roukolainen, Bertha Laroque and Clinton Andrews

Deaths: Roy Dorey, Abel Hoflin, Mary Farmer, Robert Daniels

district's budget.

Some residents also questioned the

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fairness of backing out of a 25-year agreement with other SAD #44 member towns—Andover, Bethel, Greenwood and Woodstock—and leaving a gaping hole in the district's budget.

Temper on both sides occasionally flared at the public hearings, where the reasons for and against withdrawal were rehearsed and reshaped.

It was clear that the vote might be close, but ultimately, the town stayed with SAD #44.

After the vote, the issue was gratefully put aside by most people, but not everyone was ready to let it go. "I don't think it's a dead issue," said Selectman Jim Sysko, who chaired the town's Education Committee. "The tax issue continues to get more extreme in Newry. (Withdrawal) was forced to be a dead issue by the state because there is a two year waiting period before it can be brought up again before the state. I still hear feelings from people around town that if things continue to go the same way that more people would vote for withdrawal next time."

#5 Test scores swing up

The 1990-91 school years saw SAD #44 students continue to improve their Maine Education Assessment testing.

While this year's state "Report Card on Maine Schools" showed most SAD #44 three-year average scores still running below the state levels, the most recent district scores (1989-90) all show a marked improvement over past results.

The most recent test scores, released over the last year, show eighth-graders scoring above the state average in all the subjects areas tested—which include reading, mathematics, writing, science, social studies and humanities.

And district fourth-graders outperformed the state average in five of the six content areas. In the sixth area, social studies, local youngsters lagged only slightly behind the state average.

Eleventh-graders significantly improved their testing scores from 1987, when the class also took the test as eighth-graders. The overall 1990 test results for the class show the students outperforming the state average in four of the six content areas in matching the state average in

humanities and dropping below the average only in writing.

(The students who took the test during the 1990-91 school year are this year's fifth-, ninth- and 12th-graders.)

SAD #44 fourth-graders' cumulative scores for the past three years now exceed the state scores in all content areas. Woodstock Elementary School students turned in the strongest performance in 1990, outscoring their district classmates in all six content areas.

Eighth-graders also improved on their previous test scores. Just over 80 percent of the eighth-graders took the MEA's as fourth-graders in SAD #44. As a group, these students improved their performance in all six content areas.

"The kids are trying hard," said Superintendent of Schools Dewaine Craig. "They're taking it very seriously—the students and the staff. Whether we like them or not, the tests are a fact of life, so we better do the best job we can."

Once again, however, the most recent MEA results show a persistent academic gender gap in the district, with local girls significantly outperforming their male classmates. This pattern is becoming persistent in SAD #44, but is not reflected in statewide test results.

For example, across all six content areas, SAD #44 eleventh-grade boys scored, on average, nearly 70 points below their female classmates. The widest disparities came in writing and reading.

Local fourth-grade girls also outscored their male classmates in every content area. The local girls also outscored girls statewide in all six content areas.

Local eighth-grade boys did somewhat better, outscoring girls in science and social studies, but the local girls outperformed the boys in reading, writing, mathematics and humanities.

At the time the test results were released, Craig said he had no explanation for this apparent disparity in the academic achievement of SAD #44 girls and boys. The district has taken no steps to identify or address the cause of the disparity, he said.

SAD #44 and the other school districts in Maine may not have to worry about their test results next year. The current state budget passed by the Legislature and signed by Gov. John McKernan calls for the suspension of the testing.

#6 NIMBY tally: one loss, one win, one undecided

Peter Gordon's unlicensed tire pile on the Rabbit Road in Greenwood continued to grow during 1991, and the state Department of Environmental Protection decided, in its bureaucratic wisdom, that the best way to deal with the situation was to grant the site a license—despite Gordon's chronic record of flouting state and local regulations.

There are now more than half a million used tires at the site, according to DEP and town estimates. The number of tires, and the size of the piles they are stored in far exceed state regulations.

Nonetheless, in August the DEP went ahead and granted a license for the site.

The move came over the strenuous protest of Greenwood officials, who met in Augusta with DEP Commissioner Dean Marriot prior to his signing the license.

The town officials argued that there was nothing in Gordon's record to suggest that he would comply with the state's regulations, and that the town would be left to bear the financial and environmental consequences if the operation failed, or went up in smoke.

Marriot, however, showed little patience with the local objections. He argued instead that granting a license for the site would give the DEP greater control over it, and he promised that the agency would enforce the terms of the license and the consent agreement that Gordon signed as a condition for obtaining the license.

The first test of Marriot's reasoning came on Nov. 1, the deadline for Gordon to have reduced the size of the largest pile to a 10,000 square foot "footprint." The size reduction was a prime condition of the consent agreement signed by Gordon—but a DEP inspection on that date found the pile had not been reduced, but rather had grown substantially.

The site was "in serious non-compliance," according to the DEP inspector, "I'm sure we'll be taking some action soon."

But nearly two months later, the DEP had yet to decide on what action, if any, it planned to take to force Gordon into compliance—or even to prevent the site from growing any further out of control.

Greenwood also has its own regulations governing such sites, and Gordon's wife Susan has been meeting with the town planning board to begin



WOODSTOCK FIRE—On Dec. 24 the home of Greg MacKillop on the Old County Road in Woodstock was destroyed by fire. No one was home when the blaze broke out at about 1 p.m., according to Woodstock Fire Chief Don Hoyt. Woodstock and Greenwood firefighters brought the blaze under control in about 90 minutes, he said. Four Woodstock firefighters entered the burning building to fight the fire, because a false ceiling made getting to the flames difficult, Hoyt said. A state fire marshal, called in to determine the cause of the fire, said later it was caused by heat tape or an electric heater in a first-floor back room, Hoyt said.

the process of obtaining a town license.

Planning Board Chairman Wayne Hakala said that as part of that process the Gordons had submitted a clean-up plan for the site. But he said his own inspection last week showed that the Gordons were continuing to add new tires to the site, and little of significance had been done toward meeting the commitments the couple had made to the town.

The tire site problem may show no signs of resolution, but local officials did receive one bit of good news in 1991. Just this month they learned that the area is no longer being considered as a possible site for a low-level nuclear waste site.

In 1990 the state agency in charge of finding such a site published a list of possible locations. The original list included parts of Bethel, Greenwood, Woodstock, West Paris and Milton Township. But when the "second-cut" of potential sites was published a year later, the local towns had been removed.

But at year's end yet another threat to the area's peace of mind still loomed—low flying jet fighters, perhaps as many as every 30 minutes during daylight hours.

The prospect was raised in a National Guard plan, announced over the summer, to lower the flight floor in the Condor Military Operations Area.

The Condor MOA, which is used by the military for training flights, overlays much of western Maine, including the Bethel area. But military operations in the area are currently confined to the airspace above 7,000 feet.

The Guard proposal would lower than limit to 300 feet, a prospect which alarmed many local residents, who

worried about the effect of screaming jets on the region's tourism economy and quality of life.

The military plan drew heavy local flak at regional scoping sessions held over the summer, and Maine's congressional delegation expressed strong and united opposition to it.

No decision on the plan is expected for at least a year, but an initial environmental impact statement is scheduled to be made public early in 1992.

#7 More woodlands protected

During 1991 thousands of acres of woodlands in the area of Lake Umbagog took a major step closer to being protected for the use and enjoyment of future generations.

In October Congress approved an appropriation of \$5 million for the establishment of a Lake Umbagog Wildlife Refuge. The money will be spent for conservation easements or outright purchases of nearly 8,000 acres of land—most of which will continue to be managed as it has for generations: harvested for timber and opened to recreation.

The move to establish a refuge is a

joint initiative involving the federal government and Maine and New Hampshire, the two states which straddle the lake. Maine, through the Land for Maine's Future Board, has proposed purchasing or acquiring easement rights to an additional 3,000-plus acres of lakefront and land along the Rapid River; and New Hampshire is seeking to protect 4,000 acres of developable shoreland on its side of the lake.

Supporters hope that the establishment of a refuge will protect the area from being divided up for shorefront houselots or sold off to large development corporations.

The lake is considered to be a unique natural area, home to a wide variety of wildlife, including osprey, moose, loons, herons, and New Hampshire's only pair of bald eagles. "Lake Umbagog is the last undeveloped large lake in New Hampshire," said U.S. Sen. Warren Rudman, R-N.H., who sponsored the federal proposal. "Much of the Umbagog shoreland is currently for sale

Bethel buys building

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rent it and recoup the costs."

Selectmen Norman Putnam was a strong supporter of the proposal. "It's my opinion that Bethel is ripe for (an economic) explosion," he said. "We have one of the largest employers in the state (Sunday River Ski Resort) on that mountain behind us. Everyone who wants to get there has to go through town on Route 2 or Route 26. We can take the money we get from that business and pile it into the rest of the lots. That will broaden our tax base and help us grow."

But opponents argued that there was no guarantee the town would make a profit on the deal, or even find a tenant for the building—especially during a recession. Others argued that the town should not be getting into the real estate business, or putting itself in the position of competing with private business.

"The local, state and federal economies are all in the soup," said mill owner Bob Chadbourne. "I don't think we can afford it."

Barbara Stevens agreed "A lot of people are looking at this through rose colored glasses. Things are tough and a lot of new businesses don't last two or three months."

And real estate broker Don Taylor, who had himself bid on the property, argued that he already had a tenant for it, one who would eventually provide 30 to 35 jobs. "There's no need to go through this laborious procedure," he argued. (Taylor explains his position on the matter more fully in a letter to the editor, page 2.)

But when the voters were counted—and recounted—supporters prevailed. Following the vote, the selectmen called an emergency meeting and im-

mediately authorized Town Manager Madeleine Henley to begin work on grant applications, some of which have to be completed by the end of the year.

Henley said later that the town appeared to be in a position to qualify for grants that could offset more than \$100,000 of the purchase price and marketing costs of the property.

She said the selectmen will also hold

a workshop in the next two weeks to begin formulating the criteria for selecting a tenant for the property.

A second town meeting, on Thursday's special town meeting, on shoreland zoning revisions, was tabled until the annual meeting in June. The move was made possible by the state's setting back of the original deadline for towns to adopt new shoreland regulations.

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Daily News," a citizen, when asked how she selected which candidates to vote for stated, "It's really nice to have someone for the people and not for the businesses. They should listen to the people."

Her comment, although categorizing all those in business, reflects a perception held by some that business is bad, therefore business people are bad. Business people are as diverse as the population of which they are a part, from the individual selling hot dogs on Main Street to the Chief Executive Officer of a large corporation. Although perhaps coming from different backgrounds and having differing perspectives, business people want what is best for their communities and commit huge resources for making our area one in which we can all be proud.

Business people provide our jobs and help put bread and butter on our tables. Who is involved in fundraising projects to benefit children at our hospitals, is volunteering time to work in our schools, and pays taxes to lessen our own? Business people. Who pays for the tree brochures and maps on our region, gives gifts to our troops, pays for media advertising that brings us the news? Business people do. A strong business community, as diverse as it may be, improves our community in countless ways in which we all benefit. Business people are also "the people" and to negatively categorize them is an injustice to all of us.

"Seest thou a man diligent in his business? He shall stand before kings." Proverbs 22:29.

Robin Zinchuk
Bethel

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and it may not be possible to save it all. But we can at least establish an area which will begin to protect and preserve the extraordinarily unique wildlife and natural characteristics of the area."

Most local residents also appeared to support the proposal, which will help insure that changing economics do not destroy traditional land-use patterns. "At least the Japanese can't build a restaurant on the big island," said Upton selectman Richard LeComte.

Closer to home, the Mahoosuc Land Trust in October acquired a 35-acre island in the Androscoggin River. The island was donated to the Trust by Becky Kendall of Bethel, in honor of her late husband, Maurice.

Access to local hiking trails was also increased in 1991, with the construction of a new parking lot on Route 113. The lot is located between the popular Caribou and Mud Brook trails, which now can be hiked in an unbroken loop without the necessity of walking along the highway.

But not all environmentalist initiatives met with success in 1991. By year's end landowner opposition appeared to have derailed proposed federal legislation that would have established a 13-member Northern Forest Lands Council. The Council would have been charged with overseeing 26-million acres of woodlands in northern New England and New York.

Supporters claimed the federal legislation would provide the muscle to prevent the eventual destruction of the North Woods. Opponents claimed it was the first step in a federal land grab.

But while opponents seem to have succeeded in scuttling the federal legislation, the council—which has already received some federal funding—is expected to continue to operate in an advisory capacity to the four state governments. The council is currently studying the issues of tax impact on forest landowners, large scale land conversion and local forest-based economies.

#9 Infrastructure digs

Without doubt the most earthshaking event in Bethel this year was Phase One of the Downtown Revitalization Project.

Throughout the summer and into the fall, heavy machinery rumbled through the village, digging up streets, filling the holes, then digging them up again.

The massive project was undertaken in order to remove inflow and infiltration (I&I) water from the town's sewer lines. The I&I water, especially stormwater, periodically overtaxed the capacity of the town sewer plant, which had itself been renovated the year before.

This year's work involved digging up and replacing the sewer and storm drains, and in some cases the water mains, on Mason, Spring, Philbrook, Main, Elm, High, Railroad and Summer streets, as well as the rebuilding of Sanding Brook from Philbrook to Summer streets.

It was a dirty, dusty and noisy undertaking. And while the construction crews received generally high

marks for their professionalism and consideration, there were still many annoyances and inconveniences. Traffic, both vehicular and pedestrian, was frequently diverted; in-town businesses, especially restaurants, saw their business drop; and the elderly often found it hard to make their way about town.

Residents and businesses along the project route also had to come up with the money for hooking their plumbing up to the new lines.

But for the most part everyone treated the inevitable disruptions with patience and good humor.

Phase One is now complete, except for a final repaving next year.

Phase One cost nearly one million dollars, of which \$144,000 was supplied by a loan from the Farmers Home Administration, the balance in outright grants from FHA and the Community Development Block Grant fund.

Phase Two, which could begin as early as the spring, will cost just under \$400,000 and will also be funded through loans and grants—if voters give their OK for the town to go ahead with it.

Phase Two work is scheduled to include lower Main Street, the remainder of Railroad Street and short sections of Vernon and Cross streets.

#9 Services added

The year brought with it more public and private services to area communities.

Over the course of the year, the Bethel Area Health Center put into use 2,800 square feet of new floor space, which now houses a physical therapy department, counseling offices and a meeting room.

The initial work, which was completed in September of 1990, involved remodeling the former Bull Dog Diner. The remodeling completed phase two of the renovations on the health center site. Phase one was completed when the old A&P building was remodeled to house the health center in 1988.

The health center's new programs in the expanded space were kicked into high gear in 1991. Health Center Director George Larson said the community has responded positively to the addition of physical therapy and exercise training programs, as well as to the new mental health services.

The health center also helped establish the Safer Families Program this year. The program aids victims of domestic violence. "It seems quite helpful," Larson said. "The program and our expanded mental health service give people ways to cope in time of economic pressure. But the core of the health center is still the care provided by the physicians. We're either open or on call seven days a week, 24 hours a day."

The range of local health care services broadened still further this summer, when a chiropractor hung out his shingle in Bethel.

Dr. David Smith opened his Main Street office in June. "It's going fantastic, we're really enjoying it," Smith said. "The reception has been incredible and the business has really taken off. We're bringing people in from 30 miles around."

Smith said his patients have told him they also appreciate the addition of a handicapped-access ramp to his circa 1900s office building/home.

Those in search of services for the mind instead of the body brought increased business to the SAD #44 Adult Education office this year.

Adult Ed. enrollment figures skyrocketed in the current school year. Students enrolled in the first semester of basic and secondary



TRI-CAPTAINS HONORED—Shilo Hutchins, Amy Hannon and Jen Bailey were honored recently at the Maine Field Hockey Association All-State banquet in Augusta. The three Telstar High School field hockey tri-captains were named to the 1991 All-State Field Hockey Team. (Photo by Sally Hannon)

education and the General Educational Diploma (GED) program surpassed the totals for all of the 1990-91 school year.

Adult Ed. Director Cathy Newell attributed the increase to the worsening economy and the addition of the Project Workplace program.

Bethel Furniture Stock was the first local company to participate in the new project. In October, 31 (or 46 percent) of its employees were enrolled. Workers take a variety of courses, including basic reading, updating math skills and communications.

Adult Ed. is also now part of the national GED Information Hotline, 1-800-MY-GED. The national toll-free number provides a central source of information about how adults can earn their GED diploma.

The hotline will direct local callers to the SAD #44 Adult Ed. office for information about GED preparation and testing.

And area residents can now watch their friends, neighbors and family on cable television. In May, Public Access Channel IV came on line.

The public channel is run by a volunteer board of local residents and has been used to broadcast elementary school concerts and other happenings, high school graduations, local grant programs, Bethel Historical Society meetings and other community events.

Cameraman Charlie Raymond and others quickly became familiar sights at local sporting events. The channel gave extensive coverage to the Telstar High School's girls' softball and field hockey play-off action.

#10 Sporting triumphs

Local sports fans had plenty to cheer about during the past year.

The Telstar High School girls turned in excellent performances in softball, field hockey and Nordic skiing. The girls started off the year by capturing the Mountain Valley Conference Nordic ski title in February.

The Hutchins sisters, Shilo and Misty, led the Bethel peck, placing second and third overall. Kristen Powell came in eighth and Crystal Chase tied for 12th place.

In June, Telstar's softball team went all the way to the top, winning the state Class C title.

Some playoff games were real nail-biters, but when the Rebels finally got to Orono for the title game they trounced the Madawaska Owls, 11-0.

The team ended the regular season with a 12-4 record. They lost only outside their league to class B teams.

So. Woodstock

By OLIVE R. DAVIS

I want to thank all the kind friends who have carried me through 1991 during my sickness. I do appreciate you so much. Merry Christmas and a Healthy New Year to you all. Thanking you again, Olive.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Andrews from Bridgton were over to see me Thursday. They did a lot of odd jobs around here for the short time they stayed.

We were glad to see warmer weather to free our hill of all its ice. Esther Davis has arrived home from Florida on Saturday, Dec. 21. She was visiting her daughter, Lorraine Nowlan since November. She ran in to the flu which held her in Florida longer than she intended.

Franklin Grange held their Christmas meeting Monday night. The Historical meeting in December was enjoyed by the members. A potluck supper and exchange of gifts was on the program.

Alfred Bernier, the hearing aid agent from Lewiston called on Olive Davis Thursday morning.

Carol Stevens, formerly Carol Wilson, is giving perms and hair cuts at your home if you contact her for the appointment at your home. She calls them "Strictly Hair Will Travel." To reach her call 674-2221 and make the appointment. Thank you.

Thursday morning she gave a perm and set to Francis Hannie at her Sumner home.

Callers on Friday were Deven Andrews early in the morning, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Andrews were over. Arthur filled my woodbox and fed the birds and shoveled the snow in front of the barn that had fallen off the roof before going home. Sylvia got lunch

ready. Alta Waterhouse called in the evening with a big basket of fruit for me. Bless them all, I love to have company come in. She visited a little while.

Esther Davis had supper with Mr. and Mrs. Erland Twitchell Friday evening.

The Willing Workers held their Dec. meeting at Market Square Restaurant honoring the retiring president Andrea Poland. A business meeting was held and the new officers elected who are: president-Mione Record; vice president-Miriam Hendrickson; secretary-treasurer-Marta Clements. The next meeting will be held at Ledgerline Nursing Home on Wednesday, Jan. 8, for planning new projects.

It was reported to me that Myrtle Thurlow has lost her eye sight all of a sudden. What a shame, I'm so sorry. This world is hard enough when things are all right, I think.

At Andover...

Elderwood Manor Items

By Florence Hall

Anne Fox enjoyed Christmas Day in Bethel as guest of Larry Fox, family and friends.

Louise Powell, Hale, spent Christmas Day with her mother, Alma Hewey.

Florence Hall was at Roxbury with nephew, Louis Hall and family for Christmas dinner.

Norman and Julie White were guests of their daughter and family on Christmas Day.

Charlotte Hayes, Thomaston, and mother Elizabeth Sennett were guests of Freeman Farrington for supper Christmas night.

Gertrude Hutchins was with son Robert and family for Christmas Eve dinner and gifts.

Thought of the day: No matter what we've learned about the earth since 1492, the day after Christmas the world is flat.

Calvary Congregational Church

Our call to worship with the opening hymn "O Little Town of Bethlehem" with a responsive reading from Luke 2:1-14 "The Birth of Christ." The choir sang: a medley of Christmas carols. Rev. Al Buzzell read a poem "God's Gift" following his morning message: "God in the Flow of History" Luke 2:26, other scriptures Gal. 4:45...

Sunday evening the Sunday School Christmas program was at 6 p.m. Marge Simson presented Bibles to the third-grade pupils which is done yearly. Gifts were exchanged and our thanks for all who made it possible.

Coming Jan. 5: Ron Knightly, missionary to Northern Canada, will be with us during Sunday School and Morning Worship Services. Be praying for a fruitful time.

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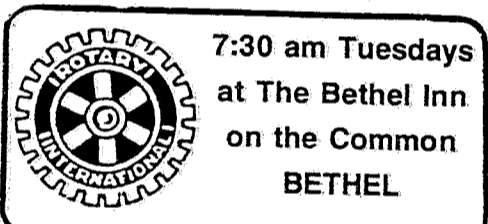
By GIL SEELEY

The Newry Community Church held their annual Christmas service on Sunday, Dec. 15, with Pastor Rodney Hanscom officiating and his daughter, Nancy at the organ. Special readings by Susan Bowie, Gil Seeley, Sylvia Wight, Sue Wight and Chris Bowie. Nancy Hanscom sang a beautiful rendition of the birth of Jesus in ballet. Pastor Rodney's message was "Is there room?" Mrs. Hanscom, Amber Brooks and Bill Wight also helped with the program. Coffee and goodies were served later.

Merry Christmas and Peace on Earth.

The Windy Valleys Sno-Mobile Club held their Christmas party meeting on Dec. 19 at the municipal building with potluck and exchanges of gifts. For fun:

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(5)	Waltons		My Dog	You Asked	Father Dowling		700 Club	Bordertown	True Story	
6	Cosby	Night Court	Cosby	Dif. World	Cheers	Wings	L.A. Law	News		
8	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Pros & Cons		Extreme Edge		Primetime Live	News	Nightline	
10	MacNeil/Lehrer		Maine	Maine	Mystery!		Borderline Medicine	Emmerdale	Butterflies	
(11)	College Basketball: Penn State at Ohio State				College Basketball: Purdue at North Carolina				SportsCenter	
(12)	VideoPM	Be a Star	On Stage	Mus. Shop	Nashville Now		Crook	On Stage	Mus. Shop	
(13)	Entertain.	Edition	Top Cops	P.S.I. Luv U			Knots Landing	News	Stalkings	
(14)	Golf	NHL Hockey	Quebec Nordiques at Hartford Whalers					Sportswriters on TV		Football
(17D)	Moneyline	Crossfire	PrimeNews		Larry King Live		World News		Sports	Moneyline
(18E)	Palm Springs Weekend		Movie: "Mirror, Mirror"				Movie: "Paint It Black"			
(20G)	Bruins		NHL Hockey: Winnipeg Jets at Boston Bruins				College Basketball			
(21H)	China Beach		L.A. Law		Movie: "Roe vs. Wade"			Spenser: For Hire		
(22I)	Addams F.		NBA Basketball: Phoenix Suns at Atlanta Hawks				Movie: "The King of Comedy"			
(24K)	Dangers:		Looney	Mork	Superman	Van Dyke	Get Smart	Dragnet	Hitchcock	Gr. Acres
(26M)	MacGyver		Murder, She Wrote			Movie: "The Lonely Guy"			MacGyver	
(27N)	David Letterman		Movie: "Voyage to the Edge of the World"				Brute Force: Weapons		Evening at the Improv	
(29P)	"Spies Like Us" Cont'd		Movie: "Young Guns II"				Comedy Hour		Inside the NFL	
(31R)	Lion, Witch		Movie: "A Friendship in Vienna"				World War II: Personal		World War II: Personal	
(32S)	Gimme B.	Cosby	Family Works!		New York at Night		News	Love Boat		
(34U)	Jeannie		Be Told		Movie: "Baja Oklahoma"		News	College Basketball		

FRIDAY EVENING JANUARY 3, 1992										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Cheers	M*A*S*H	Movie: "The End"				ALF	Hogan	M*A*S*H	Newhart
(4)	Monitor	Prairie	Wildlife	Wildlife	Valor	Firepower	Western Australia		Twenty Years	
(5)	Movie: "Prince Valiant"				Father Dowling		700 Club		Bordertown	Bordertown
6	Cosby	Night Court	Matlock		Pacific St.	Dear John	Reasonable Doubts		News	
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Family	Step by S.	Baby Talk	Strangers	20/20	News	Nightline	
10	MacNeil/Lehrer	Wash. Wk.	Wall St.	David Frost			American Masters		Blue Murder	
(11)	SportsCtr.	Ski World	Skiing: U.S. Pro Tour	Olympiad			Amer. Cup	Speedweek	Schaap	SportsCtr.
(12)	VideoPM	Be a Star	On Stage	Texas	Nashville Now			Crook	On Stage	Texas
13	Entertain.	Edition	Movie: "Dead Poets Society"					News		Justice
(14)	Pregame	NBA Basketball: Cleveland Cavaliers at Boston Celtics					Football	Sports Showcase		Basketball
(17D)	Moneyline	Crossfire	PrimeNews	Larry King Live			World News		Sports	Moneyline
(18E)	"Where the Boys Are"		Movie: "Jesus of Montreal"				Movie: "The Two Jakes"			
(20G)	College Hockey: Merrimack at New Hampshire				Around the NFL		Winterspeed		Hockey	
(21H)	China Beach		L.A. Law		Movie: "China Beach"		Spenser: For Hire			
(22I)	Addams F.	Sanford	Movie: "The Promise of Love"				Movie: "Single Bars, Single Women"			
(24K)	Arcade	Looney	Mork	Superman	Van Dyke	Get Smart	Dragnet	Hitchcock	Gr. Acres	Mister Ed
(26M)	MacGyver		Murder, She Wrote	Beyond	Bradbury	Swamp	Hitchhiker	Movie: "Cavalli"		
(27N)	David Letterman		Time Machine	Investigative Reports			Revue	Evening at the Improv		
(29P)	Women-Place		Movie: "Frankenstein Unbound"			Movie: "Carrie"		Crypt Tales		
(31R)	Wizard-Oz	Movie: "Captain January"	Elvis '56		World War II: Personal			World War II: Personal		
(32S)	Gimme B.	Cosby	Wiseguy		New York at Night		News	Love Boat		
(34U)	Jeannie	Be Told	Movie: "Crazy Moon"				News	Night Court		Krask

SATURDAY EVENING JANUARY 4, 1992										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Dragnet	Adam-12	Movie: "MacArthur"					Movie: "Midway"		
(4)	Earth	Muttley	Monkeys	Wild Side	Wings		Adventure	Wheels	Valor	Firepower
(5)	Rin Tin Tin	Stallion	Movie: "Hellfighters"					Bordertown	Bordertown	Bonanza
6	Cosby	New WKRP	Golden G.	Wait-Emily	Empty Nest	Nurses	Sisters		News	Sat. Night
8	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Boss?	Gro. Pains	Young Riders		Commiss		News	Married...
10	Maine	Black Bty.	Robin Hood	Movie: "Since You Went Away"						
(11)	SportsCtr.	NFL	College Basketball: Oklahoma at Massachusetts				NFL's Greatest		NFL	SportsCtr.
(12)	Ctry. Beat	Church St.	Opry	GrandOpry	Statter Bros.		Mus. Shop	Texas	Opry	GrandOpry
13	Star Search	NBA Basketball: Celtics at Timberwolves					P.S.I. Luv U	News	News	Entertain.
(14)	Rinkside	NHL Hockey: Washington Capitals at Hartford Whalers					College Basketball			
(17D)	Capital	Sports Sat.	PrimeNews		Showbiz	Future	World News		Sports	Capital
(18E)	"Modern Problems"		Movie: "Someone to Watch Over Me"				Movie: "Masquerade"		On-Block	
(20G)	NHL Hockey: Buffalo Sabres at Boston Bruins						College Basketball: Seton Hall at Boston College			
(21H)	"Blind Faith" Cont'd		Movie: "Blind Faith"				Confession		Hidden	Veronica Clare
(22I)	Wrestling	NBA Basketball: Los Angeles Clippers at Atlanta Hawks				U.S. Olympic Gold		Movie: "Motel Hell"		
(24K)	Rugrats	Doug	Looney	Get Smart	F-Troop	Mister Ed	Van Dyke	Dragnet	Superman	Hitchcock
(26M)	MacGyver	Movie: "Jack's Back"			Hitchhiker		Beyond	Movie: "H.O.T.S."		
(27N)	Lovejoy	Movie: "Night Gallery"					Comedy on the Road			Evening at the Improv
(29P)	"Worth Winning" Cont'd		Movie: "Almost an Angel"			Comedy Hour		Movie: "Reversal of Fortune"		
(31R)	Movie: "Evoks: The Battle for Endor"			Movie: "The Happiest Millionaire"						
(32S)	Power Hits USA		News/ty		NBA Basketball: New Jersey Nets at Chicago Bulls			News		
(34U)	Runaway	Fortune	Bulls Eye		NBA Basketball: New Jersey Nets at Chicago Bulls			News		Howard S.
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SUNDAY EVENING JANUARY 5, 1992											
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
(3)	SportsBeat	Movie: "The Fan"				Manager	Hogan	Sports	Air Power		
(4)	Nature of Things	Best of the BBC			Lost Voyage		Gold	Millions	Chopper Wars		
(5)	My Dog	Prince Val.	Zorro	Stallion	You Asked	Survival	Charles Stanley	Ch. Lives	Ankerberg		
(6)	Grizzly Adams	Hot Country Nights			Movie: "In the Arms of a Killer"			News	Sports		
(8)	Family Works!	Videos		Funnest	Movie: "Three Fugitives"				News	First Look	
(10)	Faerie Tale Theatre	Nature			Masterpiece Theatre		Mystery!	Sandbaggers			
(11)	SportsCtr.	NFL	Bodybuilding		Boxing			SportsCenter			
(12)	American Sports Cavalcade	NHRA			Racing	Bill Dance	Bassmaster	Road Test	Outdoors	Truckin'	
(13)	60 Minutes	Murder, She Wrote			Movie: "Diagnosis of Murder"		News		Matlock		
(14)	College Basketball: Canisius at Siena	Horse			Int'l. Soccer		English League Soccer		Basketball		
(17D)	World	Sport Sun.	PrimeNews		Week in Review		World News		Sports	Business	
(18E)	Ferris Bueller's Day Off	Movie: "Q & A"				Movie: "Night Eyes"					
(20G)	Hockey: Soviet Nationals vs. Team USA					Hot Stove Baseball: Red Sox vs. A's					
(21H)	Journal	Milestones	Int'l Med.	Family	Cardiology	Int'l Med.	OB-Gyn.	Family	Physicians	Information	
(22I)	Movie: "Critters 2: The Main Course"				National Geographic Explorer			Earth	Paid Prog.		
(24K)	Looney	Looney	Looney	Get Smart	F-Troop	Mister Ed	Van Dyke	Dragnet	I'm Home	Hitchcock	
(26M)	Movie: "Murder 101"				Silk Stalkings		Counterstrike		Silk Stalkings		
(27N)	Air Combat	Class-20th Cen.			D. Steinberg		Comedy on the Road		Caroline's Comedy Hour		
(29P)	"Superman" Cont'd	Movie: "Edward Scissorhands"				Comedy Hour: Pollak		Fabulous Baker			
(31R)	Movie: "Shipwrecked"					Movie: "George Stevens: A Filmmaker's Journey"				Devil-Webster	
(32S)	A-Team	To Be Announced			Pozner & Donahue		News	Paid Prog.		Paid Prog.	
(34U)	Treasure-Zephyr	Star Search			Lifestyles-Rich		News	Monsters		Justice	

MONDAY EVENING JANUARY 6, 1992											
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
(3)	Cheers	M*A*S*H	Movie: "Chapter Two"					Hogan	M*A*S*H	Newhart	
(4)	Blue Revolution	Natural World			In Pursuit of the Bounty		World Away		Carriers	D.I. Diary	
(5)	Waltons	Prince Val.		Stallion	Father Dowling		700 Club	Barbieri	Bordertown		
6	Cosby	Night Court	Fresh Pr.	Blossom	"Shattered Dreams: The Edmund Perry Story"				News		
8	Fortune	Jeopardy!	FBI-Story	Detective	Movie: "Survive the Savage Sea"				News	Nightline	
10	MacNeil/Lehrer	Hill Country			American Experience		Learning in America		You Must	McLaughlin	
(11)	SportsCr.	College Basketball: Georgetown at Providence				College Basketball: Kan. St. at Okla. St.			SportsCr.		
(12)	VideoPM	Be a Star	On Stage	On Stage	Nashville Now		Crook		On Stage	On Stage	
13	Entertain.	Ed	Shade	Major Dad	Murphy B.		Design. W.		Northern Exposure	Bullets	
(14)	Pregame	NBA Basketball: Sacramento Kings at Boston Celtics				Sportswriters on TV		Aqueduct	Baseball		
(17D)	Moneyline	Crossfire	PrimeNews		Larry King Live		World News		Sports	Moneyline	
(18E)	Lilies	Comedy	Movie: "M*A*S*H"					Movie: "Rollerball"			
(20G)	Women's Basketball: Georgetown at Providence				Hot Stove Baseball: Boston Red Sox at Minnesota Twins						Lacrosse
(21)	China Beach	L.A. Law			Movie: "One Police Plaza"						Spencer: For Hire
(22I)	Addams F.	NBA Basketball: Houston Rockets at Atlanta Hawks				Movie: "Flood!"					
(24K)	Dangers.	Looney	Mork	Superman	Van Dyke	Get Smart	Dragnet	Hitchcock	Gr. Acres	Mister Ed	
(26M)	MacGyver	Murder, She Wrote				WWF Prime Time Wrestling			MacGyver		
(27N)	David Letterman	Wolper Present			Sherlock Holmes		Lovejoy		Evening at the Improv		
(29P)	Day-Thndr	Tintin	Movie: "Bad Influence"				Comedy Hour				
(31R)	"Pulnstru"	Cont'd	Avonlea		Movie: "King Kong"			Daniel and the Towers			
(32S)	Gimme B.	Cosby	Quincy		New York at Night			News		Love Boat	
(34I)	Jeannie	Re-Told	Movie: "Maple Carnet"				News		Night Court	Kojak	



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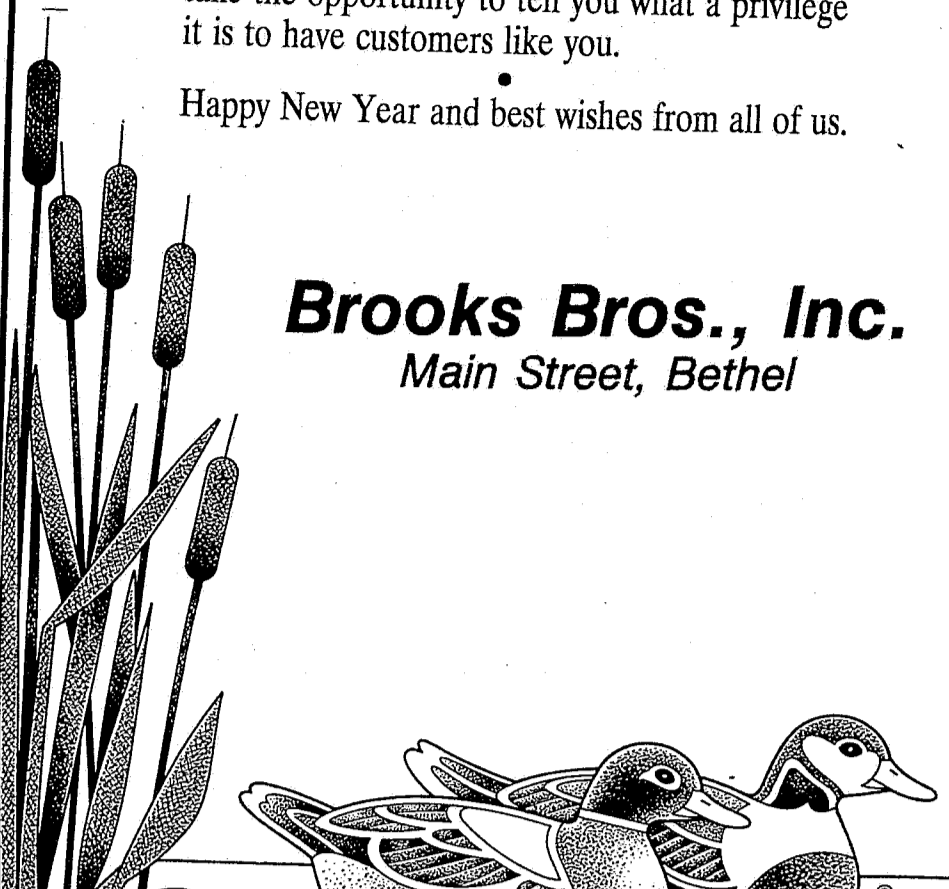
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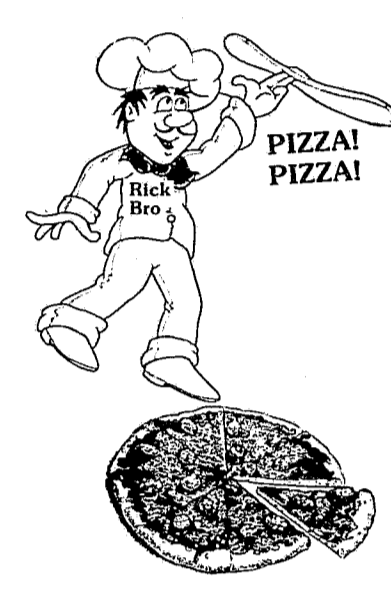
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There's no telling who you'll run into, so keep your eyes open... and enjoy! Thanks so much for choosing us.

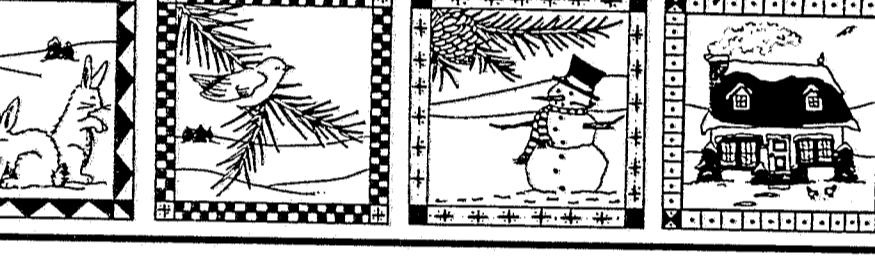
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As the season of celebration approaches, we'd like to extend our warmest wishes to all our good neighbors. We're proud to be part of this fine community.

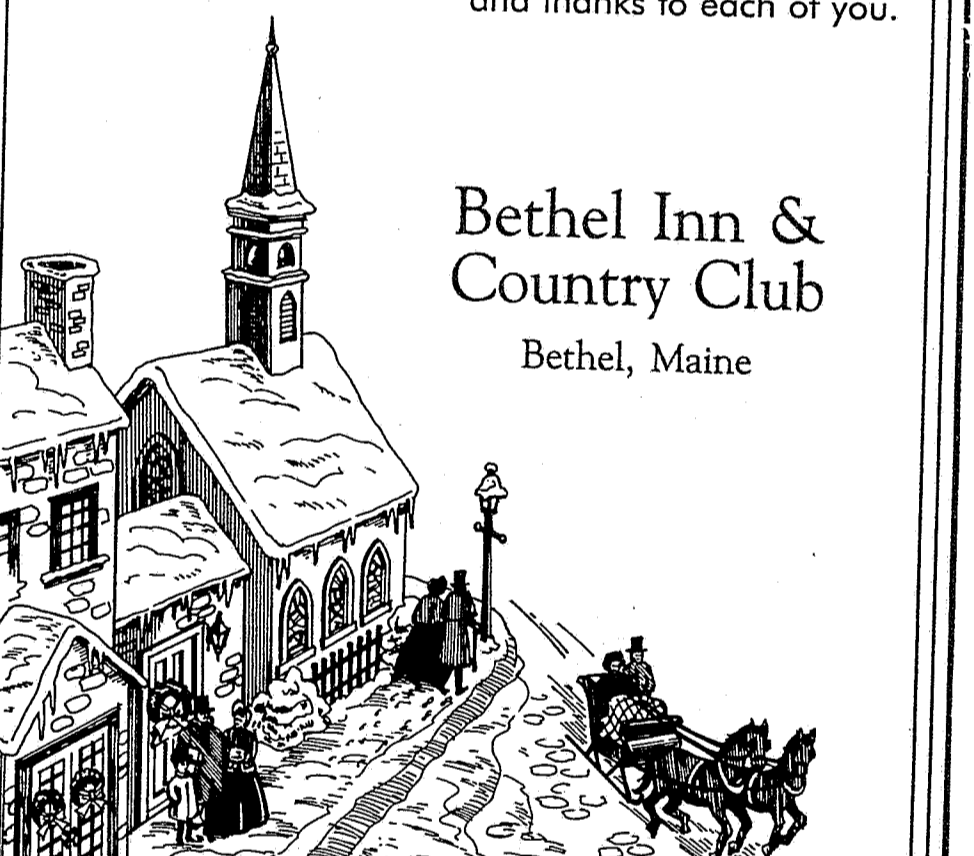
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Wishing You A Happy New Year!

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during the evening there were some stories told remembering some of the Sno-Mobilers' experiences at different times on their trips on the trails, and a good laugh, but at times some scary incidents. Next meeting will be Jan. 16 at 7 p.m. same place.

Melvin Cummings of the Newry Ranch entertained her daughters Sarah, Amy and daughter Morgan, and Emily with husband, Phil and daughter Haley over the Christmas holiday. Mr. and Mrs. George Olson, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. George Olson, Jr., and Kelly Vascik with daughters Gena, Taleah and Natasha also visited on Christmas Day.

Sorry I didn't have anything for the last couple of weeks. Under the weather with cold or whatever. I want to thank all my friends and neighbors who were so good to me and all the gifts and cards I received. God bless them and I wish them a very good and healthy New Year.

East Bethel

By NANCY H. MERCER

Attending the Christmas gathering at Les and Liz Smith's were his grandmother, Mildred Freeman, of South Windham, his mother, Agnes Smith, of Fryeburg, Catherine and Stuart Reynolds with Hazel and Kip of Bowdoinham, Lawrence Smith of Ithaca and Linda Burlak of Williamstown, Roger Smith, Ann Speth and the host and hostess.

Rudi and Barbara Honkala had their children, Christina, Vikki, and Douglas for Christmas guests from Dec. 23 to 26.

Charles and Polly Smith were in Canton on Dec. 20 with Freda Edmund and Lillian Moore visiting Nellie Olson.

On Dec. 22 Kathleen Smith of Otisfield visited at Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith's for a Christmas visit. Christmas Eve Charles and Polly Smith were in Norway visiting Mr. and Mrs. Gary Smith for Christmas.

Daisy and Earl Coolidge entertained Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Mason and boys and Mr. Peter Mason and his fiancée, Christen for gift opening.

For Christmas dinner at the Bartlett Homestead were Clayton Bartlett of Kennebunk and Mr. and Mrs. Clark Bartlett.

Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Pelletier and children of Manchester, N.H. were at the Andre Bernier's for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Kimball were at Mr. and Mrs. Andre Bernier's for

Christmas dinner and gifts exchange. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hastings celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on Dec. 21 at Mr. and Mrs. Dave Morton's in Hanover. Mr. and Mrs. George Gamble of Hanover, N.H., Mr. and Mrs. Alan Bancroft of Paris Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Hastings and most of the grandchildren helped in the celebration.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hastings spent Christmas morning at Mr. and Mrs. Kip Krichko at Sunday River. They spent the rest of the day at Sonny and Bettyann Hastings'.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Gamble of Salem, N.H. visited the Hastings Homestead on Dec. 26 for the weekend and Mr. and Mrs. David Dalke of Marlboro, Mass. arrived on Dec. 27 for the weekend.

Dori Hallman with children, Heather and Whitney, from Durham, visited Arlene Harrington on Dec. 25. Heather is staying until Dec. 31.

Arlene Harrington with Dori and children had Christmas dinner at Mr. and Mrs. Gary Fuller's in Locke Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Bean with Stacy and Jennifer, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Crockett with Jason had Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Gary Fuller also.

Leland Coolidge has not been feeling too well, flu or a very bad cold.

On Christmas Eve, Leland Coolidge's visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Coolidge of Locke Mills with daughter, Leann and her boyfriend, Mr. and Mrs. Randall Edman of Canton, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bessey of Rumford Corner, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Coolidge of East Dixfield, Ms. Cynthia Cox, and Ms. "Chickie" Fitzmorris.

Leslie Noyes and Alice Grant visited Burton Abbott at Ledgeview Nursing Home on Dec. 21.

Marilyn Mollicone of Augusta visited Leslie Noyes Dec. 24 and 25. Alice Grant of Cape Elizabeth visited Leslie Noyes Dec. 21 to 23.

Myra Foster with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stearns had Christmas dinner at Mr. and Mrs. Richard Westleigh of Rumford Corner along with other family members.

Christmas morning Myra Foster traveled to see her great-grandchildren and all the treasures that Santa Claus had brought them.

Opal Tyler had Christmas dinner with Ken and Verlie Mason and Christmas supper with her daughter, Medora Hathaway of Locke Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bethel's son, George, has been accepted at the University of Rhode Island at Kingston for the fall term.

Debbie Bethel is home from the University of Southern Maine for



COLORADO TRAINING—Maine Handicapped Skiing (MHS) staff members observe an advanced 4-track skier while receiving training at the National Sports Center for the Disabled in Winter Park Colorado. Eleven volunteer and paid staff members traveled to Winter Park for a week-long symposium on advanced adaptive skiing techniques. Coaches and members of the U.S. disabled Ski Team and NSCD provided instruction. The training opportunity was made possible by a contribution from Northern Data Systems in Falmouth. The company's 1991 Ski-A-Thon team raised nearly \$13,000 to

win the Ski-A-Thon Grand Prize of a week's ski vacation in Colorado (courtesy of American Airlines). The NDS team donated the Grand Prize trip back to MHS so that the staff could attend the symposium. Pictured are John MacDuff, left, Meredith Elcome, Susan Link, Hal O'Leary—Director of NSCD, Scott Brame, Mark Beauchene and Roslyn Turner. MHS classes begin Jan. 6 for physically disabled children and adults. Interested individuals should contact the MHS Ski Center at Sunday River Ski Resort in Bethel to learn more about this free rehabilitative winter recreation, 824-2440.

Christmas break.

Laren Corrin had Christmas dinner with the George Bethel's.

Jack and Nancy Chappie have a new litter of puppies. One of their Alaskan malamutes had eight puppies on Dec. 19.

Attending a Christmas dinner at Mr. and Mrs. Charles Haines were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Haines, Jr. and children of West Bethel, Mrs. Floribel Haines, Mr. Fred Haines, Mr. Bernard Haines of North Conway, N.H., and Mr. Scott Haines of Manchester, N.H. with his fiancée, Judy.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Haines, Mr. and Mrs. George Haines with children, Lisa and Jim, Ms. Nancy Mercer exchanged gifts at Mr. and Mrs. John Haines and children, Christina, Beth Ann and Shari Cole in Greenwood on Dec. 22.

Guests on Christmas Eve at the

George Olson's were George, Jr. and Dolly, Kelly and Mike Vascik with children Gena, Taleah and Natasha. Kelly and Mike Vascik were guests of Tom and Suzanne Howe for a Christmas party on Dec. 21.

East Stoneham

By ELEANOR NELSON

On Friday, Dec. 20, Brenda Files and guest was taken out to dinner at a restaurant with other employees of Hick's Nursing Home in Fryeburg for a Christmas celebration.

On Saturday, Dec. 21, Thaxter Littlefield was taken to Stephens Memorial Hospital in Norway where he was treated for heart trouble. At this writing he is at home and feeling some better.

Saturday, Dec. 21, a group of

Christmas carolers went out singing to the elderly and shut-in people of town. I don't think that we qualified but they sang to us. It could be that our two sons and families were in the group. It was a large number of people and the effort and singing was much appreciated. Afterward they gathered at Mr. and Mrs. Albert Nelson, Jr.'s home for refreshments and a social evening.

Paul Files visited his sister Brenda Files Sunday.

Our sympathy is with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Tripp in the loss of his mother, Rebecca Tripp of Poland. She had been ill for quite some time.

Genevieve Tripp took Gladys Kilgore to Norway on Thursday.

When we talked with daughter Cheryl last week from Turkey, she said that they had just gotten six inches of snow and the children had been

out making snowmen and little Jennifer asked the guard outside if he would guard her snowman and he said that he would.

Walter and Carolyn Heino enjoyed lunch on Monday in Thompson with Bishop and Mrs. George Cadigan who have a camp at Lake Kezan in Lovell.

Our sympathy is with the family of Iva Andrews who passed away Tuesday. She was a good friend and neighbor for many years. For 13 years she and her husband Walston run the Virginia Lake Farm in East Stoneham. Graveside services were held Friday at the Hillside Cemetery in Stoneham.

Last week I forgot to wish you readers a Merry Christmas so I will say to you now May the peace and joy of Christmas be with you throughout the New Year, and may you have a Happy and Healthy Year.

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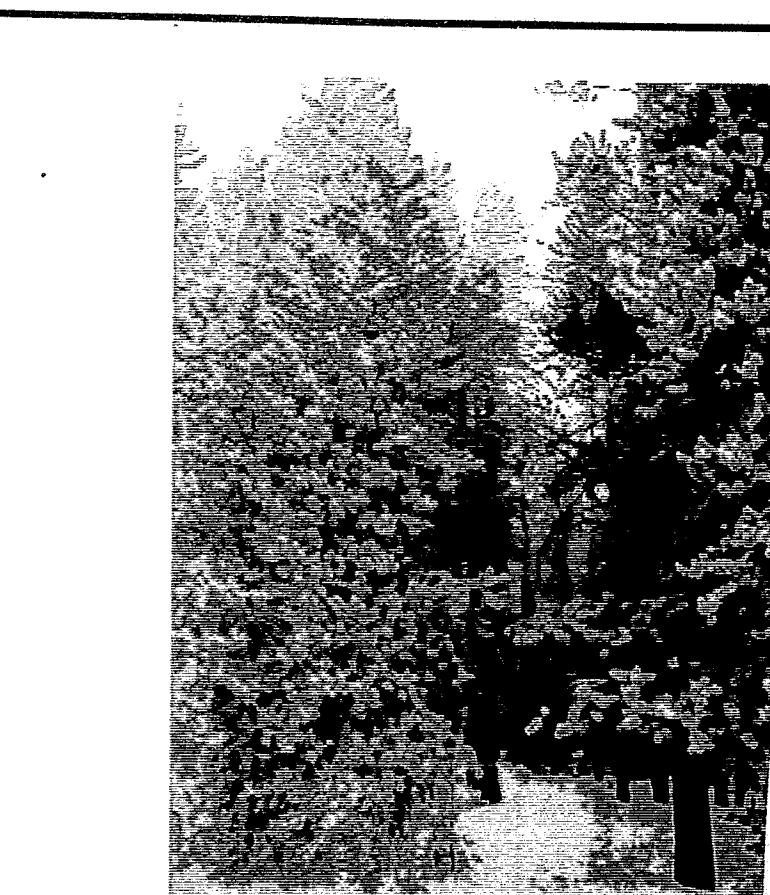
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Thursday, Jan. 2: Bethel Historical Society's "So You Think You Know Bethel" meeting, at the museum at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 4: Public Dance, West Paris Grange Hall, 8 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 6: Western Maine Management Club, Bull Ring Steakhouse, Oxford. Social Hour, 5:30 and dinner at 6:30.

Tuesday, Jan. 7: HIV-AIDS Conference, C.M.M.C., Lewiston. Call for information, 785-2720, 795-2680 or 795-4025.

Oxford Pomona Grange #2 will meet for a regular meeting at Oxford Grange Hall, Welchville at 7:30 p.m. Potluck refreshments will follow the meeting. There will be a belated Christmas Program and

gift exchanged from the cancelled December meeting.

Saturday, Jan. 11: Oxford Pomona #2 School of Instruction at Oxford Grange Hall, Welchville. Hall will open at 9 a.m. Lunch at noon for a small charge.

SAFE is a free and confidential support group for presently or formerly abused women located in Bethel. Meetings are held Tuesdays, 9:10-10:30 a.m., and Thursday evenings, 7:40-8:30. Child care is available. Call SAFE at 824-3600 for more information.

Andover Library Hours: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 1:00-4:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6 to 8 p.m. Tel. 392-4841.

Bethel Library; hours: Monday,

9 a.m.-1 p.m.; Tuesday, 1-5 p.m.; Wednesday, 1-5 p.m., 6-8 p.m.; Thursday, 1-5 p.m.; Friday, 4-8 p.m.; Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Betsy Raymond, Librarian.

Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel. 665-2505. Library hours: Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Hamlin Memorial Library, Paris Hill; hours: Tuesday-Friday, 11:30-5:30; Saturday, 10-2; Wednesday evening, 7-9. Telephone: 749-2900.

West Paris Library, West Paris; hours: Monday, 3-5 p.m.; Wednesday, 1:30-7 p.m.; Friday, 1:30-5 p.m.

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover; hours: Wednesday, 10-12 through July and August. Story Hour, 10:30 a.m.

REACH - Sexual Abuse Helpline, 743-9777. Serving victims of sexual abuse—past or present. 24 hour service in Oxford County.

Every Wednesday: Gilead Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

First Wednesday of Each Month: Purity Chapter #102, OES, 6:30 supper, 7:30 meeting.

Greenwood Historical Society meets at the Society Building, Main St., Locke Mills, 7:30 p.m.

Sons of American Legion, 7:30 p.m., Jackson-Silver Post #68, American Legion, Locke Mills.

Woodstock Planning Board meets at the Town Office.

Every Thursday: West Paris Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 6:30 p.m.

Game Party, Mundt-Allen Post, Bethel. Doors open 5:30 p.m.

First Thursday of Each Month: United Methodist Women meet at the Bethel Methodist Church at 1:30 p.m.

Upton Board of Selectmen meets, 6 p.m.

Bethel Historical Society, Dr.

Moses Mason House, 7:30 p.m.

Newry Fire Auxiliary meets at the Town Office, 7:30 p.m.

Second Thursday of Each Month: Board of Directors of Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce meets at the Casco Bank, 7:30 a.m.

Bethel Lodge #97, A.F. & A.M.

Second and Fourth Thursday of Each Month: S.H.A.R.E. support group for bereaved parents suffering loss of an infant or miscarriage, at Stephens Memorial Hospital, 7-9 p.m. For information, call 824-2813.

Third Thursday of Each Month: Fish & Game, at the Bethel United Methodist Church; potluck supper 6 p.m.; meeting at 7 p.m.

Windy Valleys Snowmobile Club, at Newry municipal building, 7:00 p.m., meeting.

Every Friday: Friday Gift Shop, at the Bethel United Methodist Church, during summer, 1-5 p.m.

Game Party at Jackson-Silver Post #68, Gore Road, Locke Mills, 6 p.m.

Third Friday of Each Month: Mt. Abram Lodge, IOOF, 7:30 p.m.

Second Saturday of Each Month: Woodstock Historical Society, 7 p.m., Woodstock Historical Society Museum, summer months.

Fourth Sunday of Each Month: Episcopal House Church at the Bohrs on Chapman Street, Bethel, 5 p.m.

First Monday of Each Month: Newry Community Church Ladies' Circle, 7:30 p.m.

Second Monday of Each Month: Newry Mothers' Club meets, 7:30 p.m.

First and Third Monday of Each Month: Bethel Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

First Tuesday of Each Month: State Representative Rick Bennett will be at the meeting of the Greenwood Selectmen at the Town Office,

Locke Mills.

Second Tuesday of Each Month: Mundt-Allen Post, American Legion, meeting at 7:30 p.m.

LaLeche League meets at Bethel Area Health Center, 7 p.m. Call 836-3567 for more information.

Bethel Snow Twisters, meet at Casco Bank, 7 p.m., fall and winter months.

Every Tuesday: Bethel Rotary Club meets at The Bethel Inn, 7:30 a.m.

First and Third Tuesday of Each Month: Cross Country Quilters meet at the Bethel Library, 9-11 a.m.

Bethel Lions Club meets at the Bethel Lions Den, Main St. Social hour—6:30-7 p.m.; Dinner at 7 p.m. and meeting follows.

First and Third Tuesday of Each Month: Woodstock Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

Every Tuesday: Greenwood Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

Andover Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 6 p.m.

Newry Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 9 a.m.

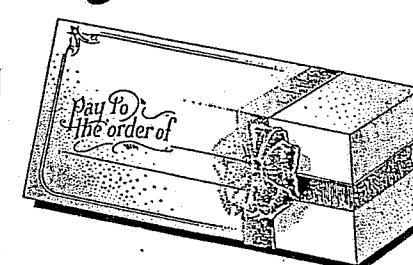
Second and Fourth Monday of Each Month: SAD #44 Board of Directors meets in Bethel, Woodstock or Andover.

First Wednesday of Each Month: Woodstock Planning Board meets at the Town Office.

First and Third Wednesday of Each Month: Newry Planning Board, Town Office, 7 p.m.

Second and Fourth Wednesday of Each Month: Bethel Planning Board meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

Items for the Community Calendar may be brought to The Citizen office or called in or phoned in, 824-2444.



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Songo Pond

By ALICE KIMBALL

Bernie and Kass Gatchell and Kaitly were supper guests Saturday evening of her folks. Another inch of snow fell on this area that night followed by very cold temperatures which assured us of a very white Christmas.

Bill Bancroft returned home Friday after being a patient at Stephens Memorial Hospital several days with pneumonia.

Mrs. Robert Drew has been a patient at the Bridgton Hospital.

Mrs. Pamela Rugg has her father from Dover, N.H. living with them now.

Mr. and Mrs. Brandon Salway of Old Orchard Beach, Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Gatchell and Kaitly of Auburn spent Christmas Day with their parents, the Dave Salways. The Gatchells then went to his parents in Bryant Pond and Brandon and Tara went to her folks in Lisbon, N.H. where they attended funeral services for her great-grandmother on Thursday.

I was in Rumford Friday for my bi-weekly test.

Norma and David were in Norway and Lewiston Monday.

Tuesday I went to Otisfield to spend the holiday with the Bekers and Turners. We all attended the Christmas Eve service at the E. Otisfield Baptist Church. Frank Bean and Lilla Sylvester of Poland joined us Christmas morning.

David and Norma Salway went to Auburn Friday, then down to Old Orchard Beach. They attended the Mariners hockey game with Brandon and Tara at C.C.C.C. that night.

Greenwood City

By COLISTA MORGAN

This is December 21, our shortest day of the year. I'm snuggled in my chair and I'm alone, while my candles and little tree remind me that it's Christmas time again and how fortunate I am to be well and to have so many loved ones near by.

Back in 1985 my niece gave me a book entitled "December Treasury." I turn to it each December and read again the interesting articles. It contains the works of great writers, artists and photographers. There are impressions of winter, wild life and holiday memories.

December may be the last page of our calendar but not of the single year. It contains the joys of the holidays.

We, at this time bring the evergreens and the Christmas tree. We join with friends and generations of kin to share a festive spirit.

The month contributes to the wonder of the season. The roadside grasses are fragile silvery threads. On winter nights against window panes Nature is busy drawing designs of ferns, blossoms, and sprays of pine.

December snow, the same as we had this week unfolds a Christmas-card scenery. Skaters test the ice and skiers check the snowpack. No matter what we do sooner or later, we gladly surrender to a warm spot or a crackling fire indoors.

The book shows a log house quite like mine. Icicles hang from the low roof. At night I am aware of life outside. Winter changes the status of most creatures and sets them adrift. But the frosty nights, the cold and voiceless emptiness of the forest have many animals creep away in couples or families to their lairs.

The full moon of December is a moon of ice, cold and distant but it shimmers the hills and brings gleam to our valley. It dances on the pond and weaves fantastic patterns.

The page on "Snow Magic" is very interesting with snowflake pictures and little stories about them.

So I read on and on learning about "Gourmet Menu for Birds," "Deep Freeze," "Ice Storms," "The Ice Howl," "Ice Fishing" and even a "Cougar's Roar."

Now I close the book until December 1992 when I'll read it once again.

Happy New Year

On Dec. 19 several teachers met with Mr. and Mrs. John Betts for a lovely dinner and a social afternoon. Present were Lettie Brooks, Dorothy Ross, Louvie Coffin, Colista Morgan and John and Dot Betts. Every inch of their home was Christmas in scenery, so beautiful, a wonderland.

On Sunday their home was open again to the Bett's, familiar for their Christmas tree and "get together."

I was pleased to have a visit from my niece, Kathy Curtis, Friday afternoon and a talk by phone with my brother, Ernest.

After church on Sunday, I went to Ann's new home for dinner with the family instead of at the farm as usual. Fay, Leona, David, Sally and Mary Holt joined us.

I have been enjoying my many Christmas cards, over one hundred at this time. Christmastime is a lovely time and I wish you, my readers, a happy one.

A group of singers came to sing Christmas carols at homes here on Sunday. They were much appreciated.

North Paris

By DORIS C. LAWRENCE

Friday, Dec. 20, Charlotte Cole brought in a lovely loaf of home-made bread, her specialty. She had taken alot of goodies to her brother Burton and family. She was on her way to Market Square Nursing Home with a fruit basket for her cousin plus she was going to sing to some of the people

there. Saturday, Dec. 21, the benefit dance for Dennis and Diane Allen was a good turn out.

Callers this past week were: Joe and Madge Vatcher with some frozen goodies and a loaf of home-made bread, Joanna Poland, Dianna Poland, Amy and Andrew Merrill, Albert and Marietta Penley, Mark and Sherry Thayer and Jason, Maureen and Amanda Heath, Jeanne and Stevie Millett, Bonita Sessions, and Sharon Silver. Her father and mother, Richard and Barbara Felt have been quite sick with the flu or bronchitis.

Jenn is home for a vacation from the University of Maine in Farmington. Todd Sevan is home from North Dakota on furlough.

Saturday, Jan. 4, is a dance at the West Paris grange hall. The Richard Felt band will entertain.

Fred Kothaus and family from Florida are visiting Evelyn Chamberlain.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Stevens spent Christmas day with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Russell. The weekend of Dec. 21, Julie Oja

from New York and Jackson Oja from New Hampshire spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Oja. Christmas day Mr. and Mrs. Jake Oja and family, Gail Oja, Massachusetts and Jeffrey Oja were with Fred and Beryl.

CHRISTIAN COMMITTEE

SCREENS 'THE POWER OF MYTH'

The Christian Education Committee is sponsoring a showing of "The Power of Myth," beginning on Monday, Jan. 6, at 7:30 p.m. at the West Parish Congregational Church and continuing over the next five Mondays. These will be videotape presentations of the highly acclaimed PBS series featuring Joseph Campbell and Bill Moyers.

Campbell has been called "the World's foremost authority on mythology, a preeminent scholar, writer, and teacher whose work had a profound influence on millions."

The first video is "The Hero's Adventure." In it Campbell challenges everyone to see the presence of a heroic journey in his or her own life. There will be an opportunity for group

discussion after the video. You are welcome to any or all the presentations.

Ken Bohr and Dexter Stowell will be the presenters.

BETHEL SENIOR CITIZENS

The Bethel Senior Citizens will be meeting Jan. 8 at the West Parish Congregational Church in Bethel at 11 a.m. At this time the officers will be installed.

The new 1992 membership cards will be there, so dues may be paid. All must have cards, even over the age of 80, even if they don't have to pay dues. A program will follow dinner. Happy New Year to all.

POMONA EVENTS

Successful variety shows were held for the benefit of the Pomona treasury at West Paris and Oxford Grange Halls.

Members have generously supported the "foodless" food sale fund raiser.

Paris Farmer's Union donated two wreaths, which were raffled off on Dec. 13 at the variety show in Oxford.

Jan. 7, Pomona Grange will meet at Oxford Grange Hall for a regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. with potluck refreshments following the Christmas program and gift exchange scheduled for the December meeting, which was cancelled because of weather conditions, will be held.

Jan. 11 is School of Deafness under the direction of Instry Lewis Bisbee, being held at Oxford Grange Hall. The hall will open at 9 a.m. A lunch will be served at noon for a small charge. All members are urged to attend, especially officers and committee members.

From the Bethel Area

Chamber of Commerce

Welcome to our newest member, WTBM/WOXO radio stations, with Dick Gleason owner. Dick would like to let all Bethel area residents know that they have installed a new Bethel telephone exchange to call the stations' Country Corner, Community Calendar or to talk to them about advertising. This new number is 824-2535.

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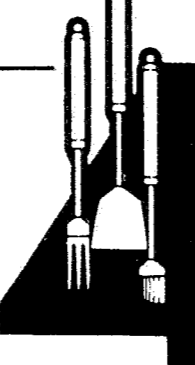
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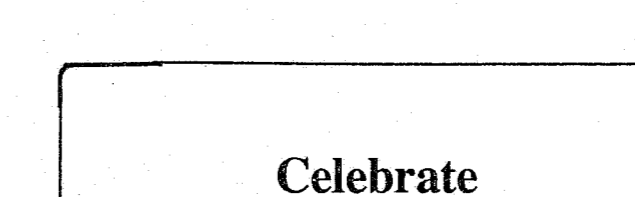
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SUPPORT GROUP for families and friends of the mentally ill. Meets first and third Tuesdays of the month, 6:30 p.m. at St. Athanasius/St. John Parish Center, Rumford. For further information call 1-800-464-5767.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS, Bethel Area Health Center, Saturday 10-11 a.m. For information call 824-6683 or 824-2945.

CODA Tuesdays, 4-5 p.m., Bethel Area Health Center, downstairs, 824-2413 or 824-3082. Wednesdays, 7 p.m., Locke Mills Union Church, 1111

S.H.A.R.E., a support group for parents who have suffered an infant loss, stillborn birth or miscarriage. Stephens Memorial Hospital, first Thursday of each month, 7 p.m. For information, call 824-2913.

Bethel Freedom Group, which meets at Bethel Fire Station, Sunday 5-7:30, CB8; Monday 12-1:12; Tuesday 7-8:30 CW2; Wednesday 10-11 O-Literature; Friday 7:30-8:30 C-12; Saturday, 1-2 West Paris Congregational Church, D.

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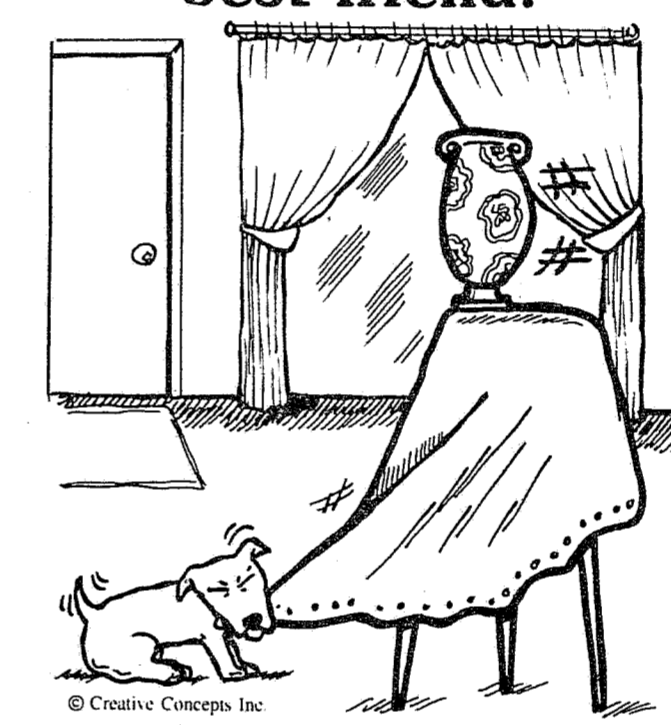
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THOUGHTS FROM THE
Pastor's Study

The Bethel Area Clergy Association, with the help of pastors of surrounding churches, brings you these meditations. Not based on any set theme, they will be individual for each pastor. It is hoped you will find in these words, comfort and help for your daily life.

Once again we are on the threshold of a New Year. That time when merchants take inventory and people make New Year's resolutions, which are often quickly broken. Another year has past which in reality is but a mark of time. Someone has said, "Time has no real existence—it's only a category of human thought."

Nevertheless it seems fitting and proper that along the road of life we periodically stop to "check our bearings," as the old saying goes. Hence New Year's Day can serve this purpose.

There is always the question, however, what does the future hold? There always seems to be a strange interest into the future. In fact some seem quite enamored by it. There is nothing particularly wrong with this desire except there should be more of a balance—not only seeking to know what the future holds but also to know the One who holds the future, who of course is God Himself.

Nevertheless, as I have said we

should stop periodically on the highway of life to check our road maps and compasses, and New Year's Day would seem the appropriate time.

To me God's Word, the Bible is both of these, which we need badly to find direction along the way of life. God spoke to the Nation of Israel through His prophet Isaiah saying: "This is the way walk ye in it. When ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left." (Is. 34:11) We must never forget that "God's way is always the best way," for "He always gives the very best when we leave the choice to Him."

Two verses in the Book of Proverbs have always meant very much to me. "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He will direct thy path." (Prov. 3:5 and 6)

This would seem appropriate counsel as we pause at the end of an old year and at the beginning of a new year. After all, the future is known only to God who said through the Psalmist "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my pathway."

So the future is as bright as the promises of God. We can trust Him as our Guide because scripture reveals He loves us with a love which is beyond measure. Therefore as we consider the "outlook" for the new year how about considering the "up look" first.

It was New Year's Day 1939, King

George the VI, in one of the darkest moments in British history, addressed his people via BBC Radio. The German Air Force was devastating the great city of London through constant bombing. The purpose of the address was to boost the morale of his countrymen. In closing his remarks King George read the following poem: "The Gate of the New Year" by Marcus L. Filley:

I said to a man/Who stood at the gate—"Give me a light/That I may safely tread/Into the dark/an unknown land;/Give me a light to banish fear./Take from my heart/This haunting dread."/He said to me/This man that stood/At the gate of the coming year./Go into the dark/And unknown land/And place in God's/Your trembling hand./Far better than the light of day/Far safer than any man-known way."/Said the man that stood/At the open gate—"The gate of the coming year."

This in essence is my humble advice to those who bother to read this column, as you ponder what the future might hold. Get your mind off the future itself and on to the One who holds the future.

Roland M. Lord
Assistant Pastor
Bryant Pond Baptist Church

Obituaries

EVELYN RICH

A memorial service will be held Thursday, Jan. 9, at 2 p.m. at the West Parish Congregational Church in Bethel, for Evelyn Rich, who died Dec. 24 in Eugene, Oregon, where she had lived for the past 15 years.

Mrs. Rich was the widow of Harold Elliott Rich of Paradise Hill, Bethel, and Torrington, Conn. She was born Aug. 24, 1896, in Charlemont, Mass. She attended Middlebury College and Mt. Holyoke College. She married Harold Rich Sept. 3, 1919. They spent their summers in Bethel and moved there permanently in 1961 after Mr. Rich's retirement from teaching. Mrs. Rich sang in the Congregational Church choir. Harold Rich died August 26, 1974.

Mrs. Rich is survived by two sons, Stuart of Eugene, Oregon, and Donald of Essex Junction, Vermont; 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sons, Robert and James.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the West Parish Congregational Church of Bethel.

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Thank you to all who sent cards, called and visited because of my recent stay in Central Maine Medical Center. Happy New Year!

Barbara H. Honkala

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I would like to thank my family & friends for all the get well wishes extended to me during these last two months. They are greatly appreciated. Also a special thank you to Jefferson Lodge #100 & Jefferson Chapter #89. I am home now at my daughter Bethany's on Smith street in West Paris.

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testimonies of healing.
Orthodox Church of the Holy Resurrection
Fr. Joseph Lefebvre, Pastor
Tel. 800-752-2234
Saturday: Great Vespers, 7 p.m.
Sunday: Divine Liturgy, 9 a.m.
3rd Saturday of the month: Church School, 3 p.m.

BETHEL

Bethel United Methodist Church
Main Street
Rev. Lisa Vanderhaide
Tel. 824-2010
Sunday: 9 a.m. Sunday School,
10:30 a.m. Worship Service. Nursery care
provided.
West Parish Congregational
United Church of Christ
Church Street
Rev. Brendon Bass and Rev. Jean Bass
Co-Pastors
Sunday: Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. Nursery
care provided.
Clothing Depot: Call 824-2653 or 824-2193 for
assistance.

Bethel Alliance Church

of Christian & Missionary Alliance
Rte. 26
Nathan B. Seckinger, Pastor
Sunday: Sunday School, 9 a.m. (9-year-olds
through adults). Babysitting for all children under
5 years during Church Morning Worship, 10 a.m.;
Evening Service, 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Prayer and Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Church of the Nazarene

Church Street
Rev. Bruce Clark
Tel. 824-5786
Sunday: Sunday School (for all ages including
adults), 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.;
Evening Service, 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.

Our Lady of the Snows

Catholic Church
Rte. 26
Rev. Albert B. Colpitts
Saturday, 4:30 p.m. Anticipated Mass

Pleasant Valley Bible Church

Flat Road, West Bethel
Rev. Provencher, Pastor
824-2828
Sunday: Sunday School, 9 a.m. Ages 2 to adult.
Morning Worship, 10 a.m. Nursery for children
through age 2. Children's church and junior church
ages 3-12.
Wednesday: Prayer and Bible study, 6:30.
Friday: Awana Clubs
Gilead Mid-Week Service
Town Hall, Thursday, 1 p.m.

West Bethel Union Church

Route 2
John Williams, Pastor
Phone: Church 824-2925
Sunday: Morning Worship and Church School,
9:15 a.m. Nursery provided for preschool children.
2nd Wednesday: Ladies' Chapel Aid, 7:30.

LOCKE MILLS

Locke Mills Union Church
Pastor: Rev. Genevieve Heywood
Sunday: Morning Worship and Church School,
9 a.m.

NEWRY

Newry Community Church
Rodney Hanson, Pastor
Sunday: Morning Worship, 9 a.m. with special
service for children.

OXFORD HILLS

St. Catherine of Siena
29 Paris St., Norway
Rev. Albert B. Colpitts
Sunday Masses, 8:45 and 11:00 a.m.
Anticipated Mass, Saturday, 4:30 p.m. & 7 p.m.

Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)

Silent meeting for worship, Sunday, 9:30 a.m., at
Ripley House, 25 High Street, So. Paris. Families
welcome. Contact Arla Patch, 665-2224
Oxford Hills Assembly of God
Coldwater Brook Road, Oxford
Pastor Douglas Jordan, 743-5569
Sunday, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Wednesday, 7 p.m., Bible Study.

Christian Science Society, Norway

9 Stevens St., off Alpine St.
Sunday: Services and Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Wednesday: Evening meeting, 7:30 p.m. includes
testimonies of healing.
Reading Room: Tuesday, 1 to 4 p.m., and Saturday,
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church

Rte. 117, South Paris
Rev. John Mackie, Pastor
Sunday: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship Service,
10:15 a.m.

RUMFORD

Praise Assembly of God
East Andover Rd., Rumford Center
Rev. Robert Rainville
364-3856
Sunday: 9:30 a.m., Sunday School; 10:30 a.m.,
Worship Service; 6:30 p.m., Evening Service.
Wednesday: 7 p.m., Fellowship.

Rumford World Outreach

325 York St., Rumford
Pastor Bob Colby
824-8172
Sunday: 10 a.m., Sunday School (Sunday School
bus); 10 a.m., Worship Service.
Wednesday: 7 p.m., Evening Service.
Friday: 7 p.m., Rumford Christian Academy,
K-12; Grace Bible School

Rumford Point Congregational UCC

Rev. Genevieve Heywood
Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service,
10:30 a.m.

WEST PARIS

West Paris Baptist Church
Rev. Douglas Pearson, Pastor
Tel. 674-2929
Sunday: Worship Service, 9 a.m. (nursery care
for pre-schoolers); Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.;
Evening Service, 6 p.m., joint service at the North
Paris Federated Church.
Tuesday: Bible Study, 7 p.m.

West Paris First Universalist Church

Rev. Herbert R. Adams, Ministerial Intern
Tel. 674-2444
Sunday: Worship Service, 10 a.m.

North Paris Federated Church

Rev. Douglas Pearson, Pastor
Sunday: Family Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Praise
Service, 10:45 a.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m.
Tuesday: 7:30 p.m. Bible Study at the home of
Ruth and Harry Perkins; John Collins, teacher.
Thursday: 1 p.m. Hour of Power Bible Study and
Prayer Meeting.

Mission Congregational Church

Richard Russell, Interim Pastor
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service